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Wool Sales

New Mexico Sales

THREE AND one-half to four million pounds of wool during the early months of 1959 were sold at warehouses in Roswell, Carlsbad, Artesia, Albuquerque, and Las Vegas, New Mexico. Since May 5 sales have slowed down considerably. May 31 was the last day on which ranchmen could sell their wool and receive the incentive payment under the 1958-1959 program. Between 85 and 90 percent of the New Mexico wool sold was from the 1959 clip.

Prices ranged from 25 to 54 cents per pound for grease wool. Joe W. McKnight of Picacho, New Mexico, owned the wool which brought 54 cents.

During April the wool market saw price advances of up to 20 cents per pound for clean wool and up to eight cents per pound in the grease. Following a two-week shutdown after the Easter holidays, the Australian market advanced 25 cents per pound for clean wool.

E. O. Oglesby of San Angelo, Texas, was the major buyer at the New Mexico sales. Mr. Oglesby, who represents Prouvost - Lefebvre Company, Inc., Boston, bought around 800,000 pounds of wool.

Some of the other principal buyers at the New Mexico sales were: Max Riley and Bill Morse, 600,000 pounds for The Top Company of Boston; Henry W. Maginot, San Angelo, 600,000 pounds for Nichols & Company of Boston; Dick Burt, 300,000 pounds for Sheraton & Schultz, Boston; Jim Hannon, 300,000 pounds for Marriner & Company, Boston; Henry D. Davis, San Angelo, 250,000 pounds for J. P. Stevens & Company, Boston; L. M. Murphy, Johnson City, 200,000 pounds for Pacific Mills and 200,000 pounds for Roddie & Company, Brady; Steve Stressenger, 200,000 pounds for Stressenger & Company, Boston; Paul Gill, 150,000 pounds for Forte, Dupee, Sawyer Company, Boston, and 100,000 pounds for Thomas F. Draper Company, Boston; Jim Manoney, 100,000 pounds for Summitt Wool Company, Boston; Wylie Hearn, Ballinger, 21,000 pounds for the Bill Fields Wool Company, Ballinger; and Alvin Flanders, 11,000 pounds for Fred Whitaker Company, Philadelphia.

New Mexico's sealed bid sales were resumed about May 5 at warehouses in Roswell, Artesia, and Albuquerque.

During the sealed bid sales in New Mexico the last of April, the warehouses in Roswell, Artesia, and Albuquerque sold 1,039,300 pounds of wool out of 1,322,000 offered. Prices ranged from 35 to 58½ cents per pound with the general average running from 45 to 53 cents per pound.

Texas Sales

Texas sheepmen have not been shearing as early this year on the average as have New Mexico sheep growers; hence, fewer of the Texas ranchmen took advantage of the 1958-59 incentive payment program than New Mexico growers. Some predict Texas growers will be shearing

into July due to the critical shortage of shearers.

Early in May, the major wool sales in the United States market occurred in Texas, where Sanderson and Junction sealed bid sales sold approximately 500,000 pounds of 12-months and 8-months wools at prices which were firm at gains of 2-3 cents per pound for clean wool on the previous week.

Western Sale

The bulk of the wool sold so far this year by the Western Wool and Mohair Company was sold in the latter part of April at prices ranging from 44 cents to 58¾ cents, with more than half selling at about 55 cents. Buyers were active.

The sealed bid sale on May 18 saw an offering of 332,000 pounds and the sale amounted to 210,000 pounds. The prices on the sales ranged to 56½ cents. The market was showing its quieter side. Five major buyers participated in this last sale.

George Taylor says there is a lot more wool in the country today with the increased sheep numbers contributing to the delay in getting the wool to the market.

Junction Sale

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From the Association Office . . .

By ERNEST WILLIAMS
Executive Secretary

SUMMER MEETING AT FORT CLARK JUNE 13

The quarterly Association meeting to be held at Fort Clark Guest Ranch, Brackettville, Saturday, June 13, will follow the system used in Abilene in March in that the committee meetings as well as the general meeting will be held before noon. A barbecue under big live oak trees around the swimming pool is scheduled for 1:00 P.M.

THE ANIMAL HEALTH COUNCIL

AN ASSOCIATION non-member asks, "What does or has the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association done that is of value to me as a producer of lambs, wool and mohair—or as a producer of calves? How does it affect my income?"

The answer to only a small part of what the TS&GRA, in cooperation with other organizations, has done for him and others in the livestock industry lies in the nine Animal Health Bills introduced early in the regular session of the 56th Legislature.

Of course, this Association cannot by any means take all the credit for the introduction of this legislation. Neither can any other organization. The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association joined with thirty other statewide agricultural organizations to form the Animal Health Council.

The Animal Health Council drew up the nine bills called the "Nine-Point Animal Health Program." It was the force behind passage of the bills. Valuable and most necessary and sympathetic assistance was given by key leaders in both the Senate and House of Representatives.

Why are these bills important to the livestock industry and to the individual producer? Just any producer?

Texas was fast becoming a dumping ground for diseased livestock from other states. Other states were establishing embargos against Texas livestock, or threatening to do so, or they were requiring that unrealistic regulations be complied with before they would accept livestock from Texas.

These bills represented the combined and best thinking of the thirty-one organizations in the Texas Animal Health Council. In their opinion, all this legislation was necessary for the continued well-being of the livestock industry of Texas.

In the years to come and after the program covered by these bills has had a chance to work—when a producer can ship lambs or breeding stock and cattle or goats to other states without any trouble—then he can thank the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and the other thirty

members of the Texas Animal Health Committee. He can figure out very easily how this program has saved money for him.

Only two of the nine bills introduced failed to pass. They were HB-38 by Bishop (SB-14 by Crump) and HB-78 by Pieratt (SB-68 by Smith). The Association page in the March issue of the Sheep and Goat Raiser carries a brief description of these bills. Reread them.

BRITISH WEST INDIAN LABOR

Elsewhere in this issue is printed a letter from President Sears in which he briefly explains a program by which natives from Jamaica, British West Indies, can be brought in for ranch work. Those interested in contracting two or more men should fill out the form at bottom of this page and send it to the Association office.

LAMB GRADING AND BUYING PRACTICES

Recent announcements by the U. S. Department of Agriculture point out two more developments which are results of work by this Association and others.

On May 25, the Department announced that it was considering suspension of federal grading of lamb and mutton carcasses on August 1. Just a day or two earlier, the USDA Packers and Stockyards Branch issued a three-point policy announcement "interpreting" certain practices as unfair under the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act which they charge are "injurious to producers" through "discounting of prices paid producers for heavy lambs."

In each of these practices, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association has been very active in working for relief.

The Department of Agriculture stated that its action looking toward suspension of carcass grading was proposed initially by the National Wool Growers Association. Subsequently, opinions were sought from other industry groups representing producers, feeders, packers, wholesalers and retailers.

The action of the National Wool Growers Association was taken at its annual convention in January. The (Continued on page 2A)

TEXAS SHEEP AND GOAT RAISERS' ASSOCIATION

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

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12:30 A.M.—Chuck Wagon Breakfast — Patio

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7:30 A.M.—Dutch Breakfast for the Advisory Board — Dining Room at Ranch Headquarters

8:30 A.M.—Visit to the "Alamo" on the Shahan Ranch

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9:30 A.M.—Auxiliary Business Meeting—Miss Kitty's Saloon

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Association President Outlines Method of Securing British West Indies Labor

IN A letter recently mailed to members of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, President Lance Sears outlined the present labor situation and the plan which can be followed to secure these workers. The letter is comprehensive and interesting.

Dear Rancher:

An adequate supply of ranch hands in Texas continues to be a problem. Domestic ranch labor is nearly non-existent and the Mexican ranch labor program is becoming so involved in red tape and regulations that this source is not too dependable.

The possibility of securing ranch hands from other areas has been investigated by Association officials and it appears that the best program available is offered by the British West Indies. Harold Edwards, Chief Labor Liaison Officer of the BWI government, met with the Directors in Abilene and in May spent several days touring the ranch area. He is convinced that the type of labor available in the West Indies will fit into the ranch operation and become first class ranch hands.

The BWI natives are of African descent. They speak English and many also speak Spanish. Not all of them know how to drive a car or pick-up, but many of them do and some have had experience as heavy machinery operators such as bulldozers. On certain islands there are many cattle and goat raisers and the men there have had experience with livestock and know how to ride horses. BWI agricultural laborers have been working in the Eastern U. S. under contract for over 20 years. This program, as contemplated for Texas, is for ranch hands only and no general farm workers will be admitted here.

To be eligible to use BWI ranch hands a ranchman will have to qualify the same as he now does under Public Law 78 (the Mexican labor program). Housing inspection will be necessary as will certification by the Texas Employment Commission. Monthly wages will be the prevailing wage as stated on the certification. Cost of transportation to the U. S. will be paid by the worker but advanced by the employer and later deducted from his wages. Return transportation upon the satisfactory completion of a work contract is to be paid by the employer. Employers are required to provide workers compensation insurance but all other insurance is provided by the BWI government.

The term of the contract will be for six months, subject to renewal up to a total of three years. At the end of this time a worker must return home but may be recontracted immediately. To make the program as economical as possible, the men are flown to some centrally located city in the ranching country. A plane load (68 to 109

men) landed at San Angelo or Del Rio will cost \$87.00 per man. Cost of return passage is the same.

All negotiations between the employer and the worker are carried on by the employer and the BWI labor liaison. The U. S. Department of

Labor does not enter the picture after issuing the certification. No USDL compliance inspector will be calling on you to check your records. However, you must keep a payroll record and have them available for the liaison officer. The same rule applies now under the Mexican program.

A card is enclosed for your use if you are interested in securing labor from the BWI. Your officers and your labor committee have given this program careful consideration and much investigation. Farmers contacted at national agricultural labor users meetings who have used BWI and other foreign labor, state without exception,

that the BWI is a far superior worker. To this extent, the program is recommended to you. It is an undeniable fact that more ranch hands must be located and this appears at the present to be the best available source.

Fill out the card or give it to someone else who is interested. You do not have to be a member of the TS&GRA.

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LANCE SEARS
President

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From Association Office

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TS&GRA was one of the state associations which worked on and voted for the action.

Producer groups will have to continue to defend their position that present grading methods are causing the production of over-fat lambs not acceptable to the producer, that elimination of grading will enable con-

sumers to get the type of lamb they want in the various consuming areas of the United States, and that it will remove one of the tools that mass merchandisers (some chain stores) have been using with Federal grading to beat down the price to producers through buying on bid on government grading standards basis.

Notice that the Department is considering suspension of Federal lamb and mutton grading on August 1 was to appear in the Federal Register May 28.

Heavy Lambs

Specifically, the following methods of buying lambs are considered unfair practices under P&S Act provisions:

1. A buyer limiting payment for lambs to a designated average weight, and not paying the lamb producer for any additional weight.

2. A buyer subtracting the weight from the true and actual weight of the lamb.

The above practices result in issuance of incorrect scale tickets, invoices, and other documents relating to purchases and sales and in misleading market information. USDA officials believe provision of the P&S Act (under Title II and Title III) prohibit all packers, dealers, and market agencies subject to the Act's provisions from engaging in these practices.

In addition to the above mentioned practices, USDA's Livestock Division has received numerous complaints from lamb producers about methods used in price discounting for excess weight.

One example of the complaint is when a buyer agrees to pay \$21.00 per cwt. for a lot of lambs provided the average weight is not more than 105 pounds, but discounts the \$21.00 per cwt. price at the rate of 25c for each pound in excess of 105 pounds. The discounted price is then applied to the entire weight of the lambs. This makes the final sales price subject to a contingency based upon the extent of excess weight. The final price can only be ascertained by weighing the lambs as they are sold to the buyer.

While this may not be an unfair practice per se, USDA recommends this lamb buying practice be discontinued because it lends itself to—or

leaves the way open for—confusing and hence deceptive buying practices. The confusion may be used by a buyer as a means of forcing a producer to accept an unwarranted discount.

In making this policy announcement USDA is not discouraging payment of the true market value for heavy lambs. This statement of general policy becomes effective upon publication in the Federal Register. The statement was to appear in the Federal Register May 26.

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association also took a big hand in events leading up to the above Department announcement.

Almost exactly one year ago, representatives of the Packers and Stockyards Division discussed marketing of lambs with several growers and Association officers in San Angelo. They were particularly interested in the sliding scale prices being paid on heavy lambs. This meeting was the result of action taken by the Association directors requesting that government agency to check into marketing practices.

Glen Bierman, Washington, D. C., and W. C. Ball, Fort Worth, said at the San Angelo meeting that the Department of Agriculture was interested in anything or any practice that reduced competition or lowered prices unduly.

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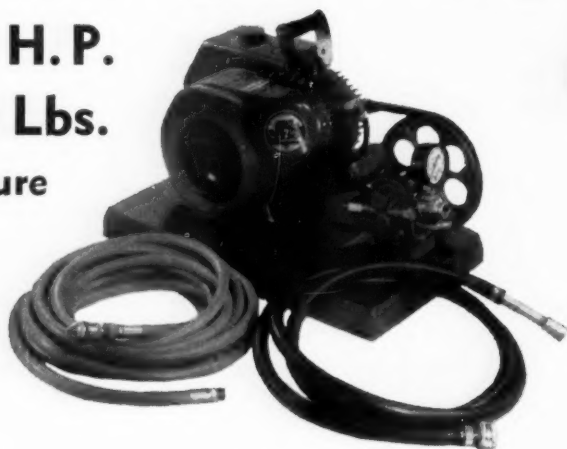
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Sheep and Goat Raisers To See Movie Set of Alamo

SHEEP AND goat raisers attending the Quarterly Meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association in Brackettville, June 12 and 13, will tour the movie set being built by the Brackettville Enterprises on Happy Shahan's Angus Ranch north of Brackettville. The set is being constructed for Batjac Productions, Inc., who will film the historical picture titled, "The Alamo."

John Wayne to Direct and Act

John Wayne, president of Batjac Productions, will direct the movie and play the part of David Crockett in the picture. Others mentioned for parts in the picture are Robert Mitchum, Bob Stack, Jim Arness, William Holden, Chill Wills, Big Boy Williams and Ward Bond.

It is John Wayne's utmost desire to produce the picture as authentic as possible, especially the battle and the

conflicts and difficulties of the three leading figures. He has kept close watch on the construction of the set, which is the largest independent set ever built, to see that it is authentic in every detail. The set consists of the Alamo and courtyard, the old city of San Antonio and three houses, mentioned in history that stood between the Alamo and city.

Some one million adobe bricks were made on the ranch and used in the construction of the set. If they were laid end to end they would run from Brackettville to Waco.

Construction Started in 1957

First construction was started in October, 1957, when they drilled the first well. There are two wells now producing 1500 gallons of water per minute. The adobe construction started in December, 1957. Mr. Shahan said they have worked 1200 different



ALAMO AT BRACKETTVILLE

This is the Alamo being constructed on Happy Shahan's Angus Ranch at Brackettville. John Wayne will star in and direct the picture called "The Alamo", which is to be filmed on the set. They expect shooting of the picture to start in September.



WHEELS NEEDED IN THE PICTURE

There will many wheels used in the picture. These are also be-constructed on the ranch. Mr. Shahan shows Judith Gay Serene, of San Antonio, how the spokes are attached to the hub of the wheel. Oak for the spokes and rounds was cut from Mr. Shahan's East Texas ranch and the mesquite for the hubs was cut from the Brackettville ranch.

people from time to time and for six months had over 150 working every day.

There will be many, many wheels used in the picture and some of these are being built on the ranch. The oak for the spokes and the rounds was cut off Happy Shahan's ranch in East Texas and the mesquite being used for the hubs was cut off his Brackettville ranch. These wheels will be used on carts and wagons for the picture.

Watering troughs for the picture have been hand-made out of elm trees cut off the ranch. All the doors, windows, and shutters have been hand-made by laborers on the set.

The power lines that will furnish lighting on the set are all buried so as to be out of sight of the cameras.

Some of the buildings on the set will be used for dressing and make-up rooms for the actors.

Five thousand shrubs, trees and



SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL AS FIRST BUILT

The city of San Antonio is being constructed for the movie set just as it was at the time of the big battle. This is San Fernando Cathedral as seen from the corner porch of one of the buildings in the city.

Heart of Texas July Jubilee Adds Show and Ram and Buck Sale

THE JULY Jubilee, held annually in Brady, will have its first annual stock show and ram and buck sale in connection with the celebration. All breeds of sheep, B and C type Angora goats, Angus, Hereford and Short-horn cattle will be shown. Dates for the show are July 2, 3 and 4. The show will be at Richards Park in Brady.



SET TO BE COMPLETE IN EVERY DETAIL

This is a corn crib in the courtyard of the Alamo. Happy Shahan explains how corn was kept in this type of crib to an interested visitor, Gene Serene of San Antonio. The set is being built complete in every detail as it was at the time of the battle of the Alamo.

flowers have been planted on the set. There will be more than 500 head of horses used in the picture and some steers.

Antiques Needed

Mr. Shahan has imported an old oxcart and two oxen that pulled it from below Mexico City to the border, that will be used in the set. He said he needs many items such as furniture and kitchenware that was used during the period of the battle of the Alamo.

The set is permanently constructed and plans are under way for other movies to be made there and also for a tourist attraction. It is our understanding that big plans are being made concerning Brackettville as a movie center.

Ladies attending the Quarterly Directors Meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association in June will see a style show in the Cantina. This is one of the buildings on the set in the City of old San Antonio.

Shooting of the picture is due to start in September.

The cattle will show on the second of July; sheep and goats on the third; and the ram and buck sale will be held at ten o'clock on the morning of the fourth.

Sam McAnally is show manager; Miers Johnson, Rochelle, is show secretary; Jimmy Cusenbary, assistant show manager; and Frank Corder is sale chairman. Division superintendents are Milton Miller, cattle; Bill Strickland, sheep; and C. D. Chennault, goats. Anyone desiring information or entry blanks should write to Miers Johnson at Rochelle, Texas, or to Jimmy Cusenbary at Brady, Texas.

Parade and Western Jamboree

There will be a big parade to open the celebration on July 2. A big Western Jamboree musical entertainment will be given on July 3 and 4.

Horse races will be run every afternoon of the celebration.

On July 1 Brady will hold the Miss Heart of Texas pageant and a grand ball will follow this event.

Good ewe lambs are more important to you than ever before. Assure yourself of good lambs next year by buying good rams this year.

PRICE RAM SALE ANNOUNCED

HIRAM PRICE and his son, Herman Price, Eden, have announced their first Rambouillet Ram Sale. It will be held at the sale barn in Pflugger Park in Eden on July 15. The sale will start at 1:00 P.M. A barbecue lunch will be served at noon.

The Prices are veteran breeders and have long been known for their quality Rambouillet sheep. They have been raising registered Rambouillets since 1918, starting with some Earl McWilliams ewes of near Ballinger and rams from the flocks of J. W. Owens & Sons, Ozona, and George and John Williams, Eldorado.

They sell about 300 registered rams each year. All through the years several hundred head have gone to foreign buyers but the bulk of their sales have been to neighboring sheepmen.

Hiram Price declares that this first auction sales is more or less an experiment in trying to get their rams to the customers easier and quicker and to overcome some of the labor problems confronting the ranch people. "An auction gives the buyer a big choice and he can get what he needs at one time."

Mr. Price feels that the offering is an excellent one and as high in quality as they have produced. Already they have had numerous inquiries and with the ranges in good shape, he feels the outlook is promising for the sale and the sheep industry.

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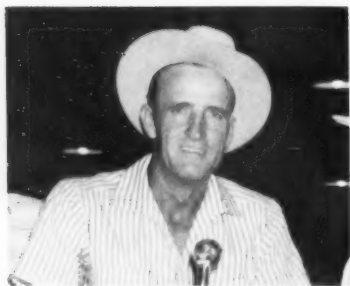
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WOOL SALES

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48½ cents to 57½ cents per pound on clean, 12-months fleeces and 52¼ cents to 54½ cents per pound for clean, 8-months fleeces.

Major buyers at the sale and their purchases included: E. O. Oglesby, San Angelo, 97,000 pounds; Clyde Young, Lampasas, 46,961 pounds for Thomas F. Draper Company, Boston; Jack Taylor, Kerrville, and C. J. Webre, Jr., San Angelo, 44,625 pounds for Forte, Dupee, Sawyer Company, Boston; Henry D. Davis, San Angelo, 11,315 pounds; Carroll and Don McDonald of the McDonald Wool Company, Menard, 9,500 pounds.

Sanderson Sale

More than 300,000 pounds of 12-months and 8-months wools were sold in a sealed bid sale at the Sanderson Wool and Mohair Commission Company on May 14 with prices generally ranging from 52 to 55 cents per pound. The prices were up somewhat from those of the firm's March 11 sale at which 145,000 pounds were sold at from 43 to 47½ cents per pound.

Top buyer at the sale was Jack Taylor of Kerrville who purchased 59,666 pounds of wool which was mostly 8-months fleeces.

Other buyers included: E. O. Oglesby, San Angelo, 51,297 pounds; Clyde Young, Lampasas, 48,563 pounds; Al Dishman, Del Rio, 17,270

pounds for Emery, Russell and Goodrich, Boston; George E. Allison, San Angelo, 29,248 pounds for Colonial Wool Company, Boston; Carroll and Don McDonald, Menard, 25,693 pounds; Henry D. Davis, San Angelo, 40,737 pounds; Dick Boutin, Kerrville, 11,141 pounds for Nichols & Company, Boston; and L. M. Murphy, Johnson City, 32,303 pounds.

At Menard

At Menard on May 21 at the warehouse of Carroll McDonald and the Western Wool and Mohair Company prices indicated some weakness in the market. The McDonald Warehouse sold 86,000 pounds in the price range of 42½ to 52½ cents a pound and at the Western 130,000 pounds sold in the range of 49¼ to 54¼ cents a pound. Buyers were: Clyde Young, C. J. Webre, Jr., Dick Boutin, Leonard Murphy and Bevy DeMotive, with Boutin, representing Nichols & Company, the top buyer.

Marfa Sale

The Marfa Wool and Mohair Company sold on May 19 a little over

180,000 pounds of 8-months and 12-months fleeces at prices ranging from 47 to 52½ cents per pound on the 12-months wool and from 44 to 52¼ cents on the 8-months fleeces. Around 81,000 pounds of 12-months wool and 99,000 pounds of 8-months wool were sold at the sealed bid sale.

Don Hansen, Boston wool dealer, paid the top price of 52½ cents per pound for the Wert Love clip of 16,500 pounds. Other buyers were: C. J. Webre, Jr., San Angelo, 70,000 pounds; Henry D. Davis, San Angelo, 28,000 pounds; and E. O. Oglesby, San Angelo, 15,000 pounds.

Mertzon Sale

In Mertzon, May 19, the West Texas Wool and Mohair Association sold 200,000 pounds of 12-months wool to Earnest G. Woodward, San Angelo, buying for Emery, Russell and Goodrich, Boston. Prices ranged from 51½ to 58½ cents per pound.

According to R. Crawford, manager of the Mertzon firm, he has sold about a half million pounds of wool since April 1 and has more wool coming in all along.

T. A. KINCAID, JR. RECEIVES HOBLITZELLE AWARD

T. A. KINCAID, JR., of Ozona, was presented the 1959 Hoblitzelle Award for Advancement of Texas Rural Life at Renner, Wednesday, May 20, during the Annual Texas Research Foundation awards dinner, which was attended by more than 3,000 persons.

The award, which consists of \$5,000 in cash, a certificate and a gold medal, is presented biennially to a farmer or ranchman who makes an outstanding contribution to Texas agriculture during the preceding four-year period.

Mr. Kincaid, a 1928 graduate of Texas A. & M. College, began his first range improvement practices when he started operation of his 20,000-acre ranch in 1935. This work was interrupted by service in the armed forces during World War II.

Dr. C. L. Lundell, director of the Texas Research Foundation, said in a speech during the awards dinner, "Mr. Kincaid has exercised statewide leadership in promoting the livestock industry, in encouraging conservation and range management systems and in unselfish devotion to all activities dedicated to the improvement of rural life in Texas."

Dr. Lundell added that Mr. Kincaid has demonstrated with his improvement program that the arid lands of West Texas can remain productive during periods of subnormal rainfall.

Mr. Kincaid has a long record for fighting the battles of the farmer and ranchman at national as well as state levels, and most of the time at his own expense, in matters pertaining to livestock feed laws, extension of the National Wool Act, emergency drought relief, water legislation, bracero labor regulations, livestock health laws, promotion of the sheep and goat industry, and all other matters pertaining to the general good of agriculture.

He served as first chairman of the



T. A. Kincaid, Jr.

board of supervisors of the Crockett County Soil Conservation District, which he promoted and helped organize.

He served on the state feed control law committee and helped write the new Texas Feed Control Act, which became a law September 1, 1957.

He recently spent a great deal of time to obtain modification of the regulations governing use of bracero labor.

Mr. Kincaid helped organize the American Sheep Producers Council in 1956 and is now a director of the ASPC, which administers funds for promotion of mutton, lamb and wool.

Twice, from 1956 to 1958, he served as president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. He is the only man to hold that office longer than one year since his father held it from 1924 to 1935.

He and Mrs. Kincaid, the former Miss Euleeone McDonald of Caldwell, have one son, Thomas Lee Kincaid, and one grandson, T. A. Kincaid, III.

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T HALF CIRCLE BUYS TOP SUFFOLK

The T Half Circle Ranch, near Sonora, paid \$360 for a ram of Glynn Sanders & Son of Mullin. Pictured as the ram was loaded for the ranch are Norman Rousselot of the T Half Circle, Roger Sanders, Herman Walker, ranch manager, and Glynn Sanders in the pick-up. Bobby Mayer, not shown, made the purchase.



MEXICAN VISITORS MEET MISS WOOL

The banquet program of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association took on an international flavor when a prominent Mexican family met Miss Wool of Texas, Miss Miriam LaCour. The Mexican visitors were Senor and Senora Victor Cires of Mexico City, who operate the Los Angeles Ranch about 50 miles south of Ciudad Acuna. Miss Wool is shown greeting the visitors. The Cires were purchasers of several rams in the sale and intend to buy more sheep in Texas in an effort to build a substantial flock in Mexico, which at one time consisted of more than 35,000 fine wool sheep. His plans are to raise his own stud rams from the sheep he buys in Texas to use in his present flock of some 6,000 head.

THE ANNUAL Purebred Sheep Show and Sale at Brownwood clearly reflected the good health and strength of the Texas sheep industry. The crowds were excellent and good sheep sold at a spanking pace which kept auctioneers Lem Jones and Odus Witenburg quite busy.

The Suffolks again led the parade with the top selling sheep of the sale and the top average.

Bobby Mayer of the T Half Circle Ranch bought the top selling Suffolk for \$360 from Glynn and Roger Sanders of Mullin. Another Suffolk ram sold to Langford Brothers of Goldthwaite for \$350.

The top selling Rambouillet ram was sold by Louis Tongate, Brookesmith, to the 3-T Ranch of Brownwood for \$325. An Ed Ratliff, Bronte, ram sold to Buddy Jenkins for \$310.

All in all, the buyers and consignors were pleased with the event, which was the largest ever held by the association. "All in all, it was a very good sale," declared J. P. Heath, Association Secretary. He voiced the opinion that with the continued growth of the sale both plans and facilities for the event would have to be enlarged. "We'll do it," declared Bill Strickland, Sales Manager.

The placings in the wool show, which was far the biggest in the association's history, are given below.

The top winners at the recent Brownwood Wool Show held by the Texas Purebred Sheep Breeders Association are as follows:

COMMERCIAL FINE WOOL:
Aged Ram—1st, Alvin and Fred Miller, Bangs; Yearling Ram—1st, Robert Ray Glasscock, Sonora; Aged Ewe—1st and 4th, Steve Fish, Sonora; 2nd and 3rd, Glasscock; Yearling Ewe—1st and 2nd, Fish; 3rd and 4th, Glasscock.

REGISTERED FINE WOOL:
Aged Ram—1st, Fred Hodges, Ster-



FOSTERS GET READY

At the Purebred Sheep Sale in Brownwood the camera caught the Foster Brothers unloading feed for their Suffolk sheep which they raise on their ranch near Sterling City. William and Bubba Foster recently bought a Suffolk ram from Victor Ramsey, Garland, Texas, for \$500. This ram was champion ram at San Antonio, reserve at Houston, 1958, champion at the last State Fair. They also bought two rams from Glynn Sanders of Mullin, a yearling, for \$200, which was first place at Fort Worth this year and at the Colorado State Fair. The other ram as a lamb was first at Houston and second at San Antonio. The price was \$200 and \$250. The Ramsey ram weighed 335 pounds, the yearling 300 and the lamb about 240. The Fosters have been making good with their Suffolk sheep in recent years.



THE YOUNGEST

The youngest participant in the activities at the Purebred Sheep Breeders affair at Brownwood was Mr. Louis Martin of six months, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Martin of San Antonio. Mrs. Louis Tongate of Brookesmith kept a wary eye on her grandson, as did his mother, Mrs. Martin, while they talked with Mrs. Vernon Carr, Sr., of Brookesmith. Mrs. Martin is the former Sue Tongate, who showed Rambouilleths to many championships in Texas shows.

ling City; 2nd, Glasscock; 3rd and 4th, D. L. Newman, Santa Anna; Yearling Ram—1st, Hodges; 2nd, Fish; 3rd, H. D. Bode, Harper; 4th, Oran W. Bigby, Ballinger; Aged Ewe—1st and 2nd, Glasscock; 3rd and 4th, Bigby; Yearling Ewe—1st, Bigby; 2nd, Glasscock; 3rd, Hodges; 4th, Bode.

DUAL PURPOSE FLEECES (Registered Sheep): Yearling Ram—1st, L. A. Norden, Boerne; 2nd, O. D. Striegler, Salt Gap; Aged Ewe—1st, Striegler; Yearling Ewe—1st and 2nd, Nordan; 3rd, Striegler.

MEDIUM WOOL FLEECES (Registered Sheep): Aged Ewe—1st, John Bill Oman, Avoca; Yearling Ewe—1st, Bennie W. Edwards, O'Donnell; Yearling Ram—1st, Glynn Sanders, Mullin; 2nd, Edwards.

BEST GROUP OF FIVE FLEECES: Steve Fish.

CHAMPION REGISTERED FINE WOOL FLEECE: Oran Bigby; Reserve Champion, Glasscock.

Champion and Reserve Champion Dual Purpose Fleece—L. A. Nordan. Champion Range Fleece—Steve Fish; Reserve Champion, Robert Ray Glasscock.

Premier Exhibitor—Robert Ray Glasscock.

Grand Champion Fleece of the Show—Oran Bigby; Reserve Champion Fleece of the Show, Steve Fish.

Blackwell bought all fleeces that were for sale at 75c per pound. About 80 fleeces entered.

BROWNWOOD SALES RESULTS

	Total Sales	Average
SUFFOLK		
98 Rams	\$10,261.00	\$104.75
44 Ewes	5,595.00	127.05
154 Sheep in sale	15,856.00	111.66
RAMBOUILLET		
95 Rams	8,030.50	84.50
30 Ewes	1,800.00	60.00
125 Sheep in Sale	9,830.50	78.65
DELAINE-MERINO		
11 Rams	415.00	37.70
3 Ewes	105.00	35.00
14 Sheep in Sale	520.00	37.00
HAMPSHIRE		
13 Rams	780.00	60.00
4 Ewes	210.00	52.50
17 Sheep in Sale	990.00	58.23
CORRIEDALES		
5 Rams	315.00	63.00
7 Ewes	347.50	49.35
12 Sheep in Sale	662.50	55.20
COLUMBIA		
1 Ram	85.00	85.00
SOUTHDOWN		
3 Rams	190.00	63.33
4 Ewes	100.00	25.00
7 Sheep in Sale	290.00	40.00
318 Sheep sold for	\$28,150.00	\$88.50

There were quite a few private treaty sales of sheep that were bid in by the breeders.



LOUIS TONGATE SELLS \$325 RAM

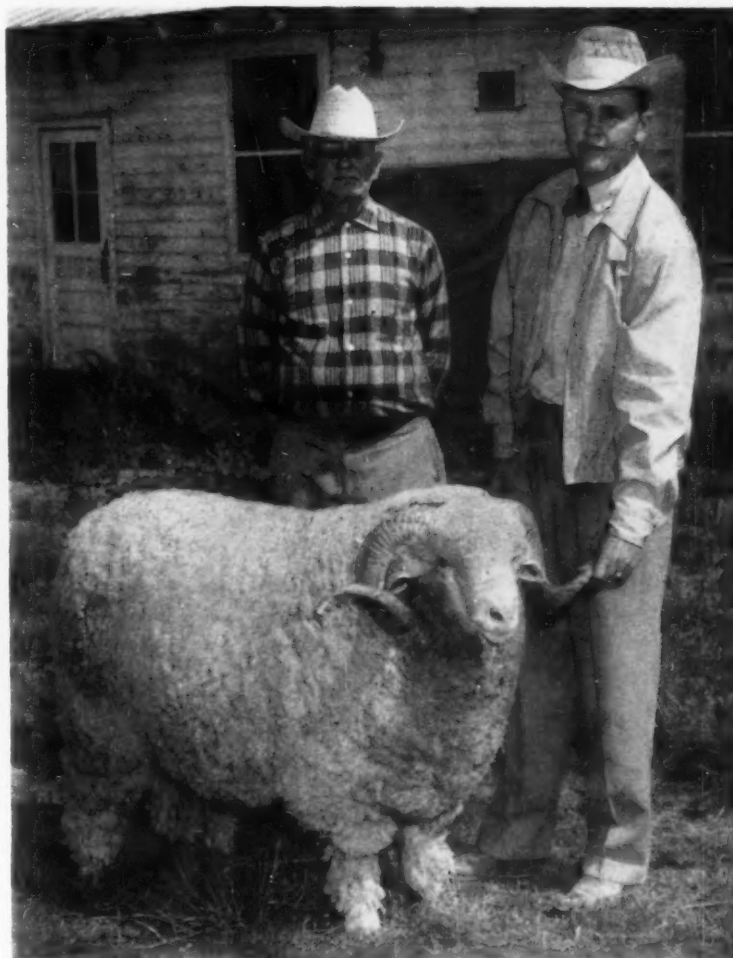
Louis Tongate, Brooksmith, sold to the Three T Ranch Company, Brownwood, the top selling Rambouillet ram of the Texas Purebred Sale at Brownwood. Worth Thomason, Rt. 2, paid \$325 for the ram.



TOP JUDGING TEAM AT BROWNWOOD

Kimble County came up with a house full of Joneses and top places in the wool and mohair judging contest held at Brownwood by the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association. In the front row, second high team in the junior division: Jimmie Jones, 11, who was high point junior judge; Herby Jones, 13; John Loeffler, 13; and Hoy Smith, 11.

In the second row is County Agent Vernon Jones; Tommy Johnston, 17, who was first high individual in the senior show, winning a \$200 scholarship to Howard Payne College; Jackie Jones, 15; Rusty Jones, 15, who was second high individual in the contest; and Johnny Lackey, 14. The boys also won an assortment of Levis and belts. Incidentally, apparently none of the Jones boys claim kin to any other Jones in the group.



JENKINS BUYS RATLIFF RAM

Buddy Jenkins, right, Rocksprings, ranchman who is building a fine flock of Rambouillets and Angora goats, purchased one of the top rams at Brownwood, paying \$310 for a ram bred by Ed Ratliff, Bronte.

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NEW MEXICO FLEECE WINS IN CALIFORNIA WOOL SHOW

A NEW MEXICO fleece from a grade ewe won the Grand Champion Fleece award at the Annual California Wool Show in Sacramento, May 3, 1959. The fleece was shown by the Flying H Ranch, Flying H, New Mexico, owned by Clement Hendricks. This same fleece was also judged best fleece from a flock of over 350 head, according to Jack Ruttle, sheep and wool marketing specialist with the New Mexico State University Extension Service, who prepared the fleece for the show.

The Flying H Ranch will receive the \$1,500 solid silver Sheraton Palace Hotel of San Francisco trophy for exhibiting the grand champion fleece. The ranch will also receive a smaller trophy for the best fleece from a flock of over 350 ewes. This is also donated by the Sheraton Palace Hotel.

Phelps White of Roswell, won second place in the commercial or grade ewe fleece class at the Sacramento Show. Phelps White is the son of J. P. White, well known Roswell wool grower. Young White has only been in the sheep business three years and is already producing fleeces that will be outstanding in any wool show, says Ruttle.

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E. Wilson, Maypearl, Texas, reports that he has had plenty of moisture this year and that everything is in good shape. He has 150 ewes and in addition runs feeder lambs and figures to make money out of them, which recently, he says, has not been too much. He figures to keep trying, however, and is on the lookout for light lambs which he says are the only ones that will make any money.

Ranchers around Sanderson and in the Comstock area are in good to excellent condition due to rains in May which fell at about weekly intervals. Some declare that conditions were "never better" and even the quail seem to be making a remarkable comeback.

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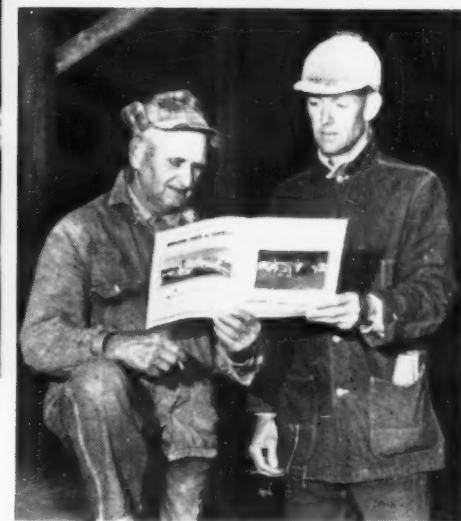
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The crowd scene was taken at the recent conclusion of a Purina Steer Feeding Demonstration at Waco, Texas. Note arrow pointing to W. Fred Minter, seated, on the front row. The other picture shows Minter and his son reviewing results of this demonstration in their own feedlot.



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Development of the Registered Angora Buck from Birth To Sale Age

By MELVIN CAMP

THE REGISTERED Angora buck kid is from five and one-half to seven months of age at weaning. He must be developed rapidly if he is to be of proper size and maturity by the time he is from sixteen to twenty months of age and command the price deserving of a registered buck. His breeder must receive enough from his sale to compensate for the time, labor, and expenses that it took to breed and develop him. If he does not, then his role as a breeder will probably not be progressive.

Proper Care Will Bring Out The Best of His Heredity

How well the young buck expresses his heredity to his breeder as well as the man who is to own him later will depend greatly upon his environment

from weaning age to sale. The environment is controlled to a large extent by the breeder and consists of the feed he receives, methods of handling, climate, parasite control, shelter or protective devices, and the altitude where he is reared.

Most buck kids weigh at birth from five to seven pounds, at weaning age from thirty-five to fifty pounds, with some as heavy as seventy pounds, and at sale age he should weigh from eighty to one hundred and twenty pounds, with the average at about one hundred pounds. For a good quality buck kid weighing forty pounds as of September 1, to weigh one hundred pounds by July 1, he must consume enough feed to gain on the average about two-tenths of a pound daily and produce at least fifteen to seventeen

WEANING THE KIDS

(A CONTINUATION)

(PART TWO)



The use of self-feeders is quite popular for feeding supplements on the range to buck kids when there is a desire to save in labor. The results are generally not as good as by the hand feeding method. The feed is usually a mixed ration in which ground roughages may also be added. When self-feeders are used, salt in amounts to comprise up to one-third of the ration may be added to limit the intake of feed.

pounds of mohair in this three hundred day period. He has the ability to gain from one-third to three-fourths of a pound daily, but due to fluctuations in forage from ranges and small grain fields where he is usually run, cold or rainy weather, inability to adjust to feeding, improper feeding methods, and attacks from internal parasites along with their secondary infections, his gain is seldom constant.

Supplements Necessary for Proper Growth and Development

The feeding of supplements is necessary for proper growth and development since most native ranges and small grain fields do not furnish a constant high rate of protein and total digestible nutrients throughout the entire period when body growth is the most important. Buck kids should be taught to eat grain and other supplements as soon as possible after weaning if they are not already accustomed to it. Some breeders prefer to place the kids in a small pasture that has been rested during the previous spring and summer, while others prefer to pen feed the kids at first and then run them on small grain fields after the forage has made adequate growth for grazing, and still continue supplemental feeding.

Buck Kids Need High Rate of Protein for Rapid Growth

It is believed that the rapidly growing buck kid after weaning requires a feed furnishing about twelve percent crude protein for the most rapid growth. In the fall of the year before frost or cold weather damages small grains the crude protein content of the forage may run as high as seventeen percent, but after a killing freeze it may drop as low as two to six percent. Warm season grasses which

usually dominate the well managed range suitable for grazing of Angora goats furnish about four percent crude protein in early fall and after frost it drops below two percent. There are several winter grasses that are mostly found in river bottoms or places where there is an accumulation of moisture. Rescue grass and Texas wintergrass are probably the most noteworthy and have a crude protein content ranging from ten to twenty-five percent. They are not relished too much by goats during cold weather due to having been developed without the benefit of enough sunshine to make them highly palatable.

In addition to the grasses, there are many biennial and perennial forbs beginning their growth in early fall, first showing up in a winter rosette form as a cluster of leaves lying close to the ground. They grow this way through the fall and winter, not making much top growth, but are developing an excellent root system. We usually call these winter weeds, and later in the spring when they shoot up stems and produce brilliant colored flowers we refer to them as spring weeds. The crude protein of the winter rosette form will probably range close to twelve percent and later in the spring it may go as high as thirty-five percent in the flower stalk stage. Small legumes high in protein such as vetches and lupines — commonly known as bluebonnets — also make up a considerable amount of winter grazing.

Most ranges where Angora goats are raised have several species of oaks, the leaves of which when green contain about ten percent crude protein and when dry will drop to two percent or less. Acorns, the fruit of the oak tree, are relished by Angora goats. Their

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protein content may range as high as twenty percent and goats will fatten quickly on them, but they may cause digestive troubles when the goats eat too many of them without eating enough other grasses and forbs to prevent compaction. When the pasture where they are confined is large the kids will run off a considerable amount of flesh hunting them unless adequate supplemental feed is fed. Most of the acorns will have fallen by December 15 and will have been cleaned up unless the acreage is too great. Acorns are also relished by deer, and they will compete with the kids for them.

Kids' First Feed Must Be Easily Digested

When the young buck kid is separated from his mother and weaned his digestive system is still a bit immature and cannot tolerate certain feeds that the system of an older animal can. Straight feeds of either whole corn, oats, 41% cottonseed meal in either pellet or meal form, 21% range pellets, and alfalfa hay are used by most breeders as the buck kids' first feed. Before introducing the kid to trough feeding he may be taught to eat grain on the ground by scattering a limited amount of whole yellow corn on an area of firm soil where all the kids will be able to eat a few grains without the weaker ones being fought off by the stronger. This corn feeding may continue for several days to as much as a month or longer. The amount fed is gradually increased slightly each day beginning with about two-tenths of a pound per head as a start and increasing it to about one-third pound by the end of the first month. Corn should always be fed in limited amounts to the immature kid since it is very hard on his digestive system. It tends to produce too much heat, causing his digestive system to become upset, and may produce scouring. Scouring weakens the system and make it difficult to get the kid on feed.

Whole Oats Safest as First Feed In Trough Feeding

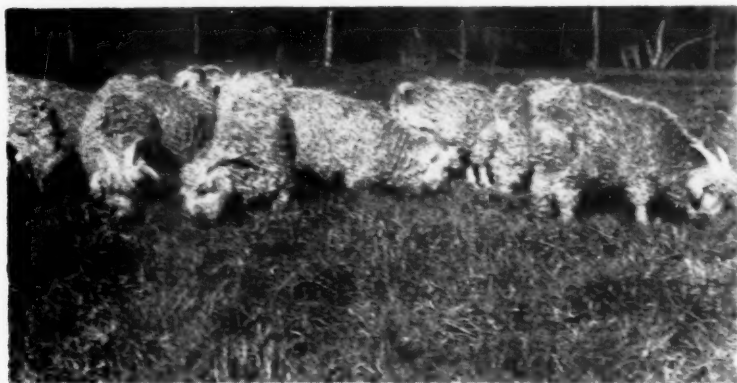
In trough feeding, whole oats are probably the safest to use as the kids' first feed. It is rather bulky and at the same time the amount he can consume safely without causing digestive troubles will furnish the proper total

digestible nutrients required for rapid growth. The kids like oats and they are easy for him to chew. Wheat bran may be mixed with the oats since it is also easily digested and will keep his bowels in good tone. It is not relished too much by the kids at first and a taste has to be created for it. Cottonseed pellets or meal are also a good first feed when combined with oats. It is like bran and requires developing a taste for it. When feeding either meal or bran the kids will tend to want to leave it in the bottom of the trough. By limiting the total amount of feed at first they will learn to clean all of the concentrates up that are offered.

When the young buck kid is first placed in a pen and fed concentrates from a trough it may be easier to get him to start eating if he has an animal with him that is already accustomed to eating grain. This should not be an animal prone to fight the kids away from the trough. The first feeding should be just enough that he will clean up all the concentrates in the trough in less than thirty minutes. By the end of the first week the time should be shortened to fifteen minutes. His total feed should amount to about 3% of his body weight with about 1.7% of it being concentrates and 1.3% being made up of either a high protein legume hay, bundle grain sorghum, sudan grass, or small grain grazing. As an example: A kid weighing forty pounds should be eating about six-tenths of a pound of grain daily in addition to the hay or small grain grazing when he is brought up to full feed. As a starting feed the concentrates may be only three-tenths of a pound or less daily the first few days. By the end of the first two months of the feeding period the kid weighing forty pounds at the beginning and running on a small grain field should be weighing about fifty-five pounds, having gained from twelve to fifteen pounds and be consuming about one pound of grain daily. If he is confined to a pen and fed alfalfa hay he will be consuming about seven-tenths of a pound of hay and one pound of grain.

Some breeders feed whole oats as the only supplement to small grain grazing from September through January, at which time they go to a

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Small grain fields furnish excellent grazing for the buck kid during the cooler months. Supplements should be fed to get the proper growth and development since the fields may not furnish a constant high rate of protein and total digestible nutrients throughout the entire period when body growth is the most important.

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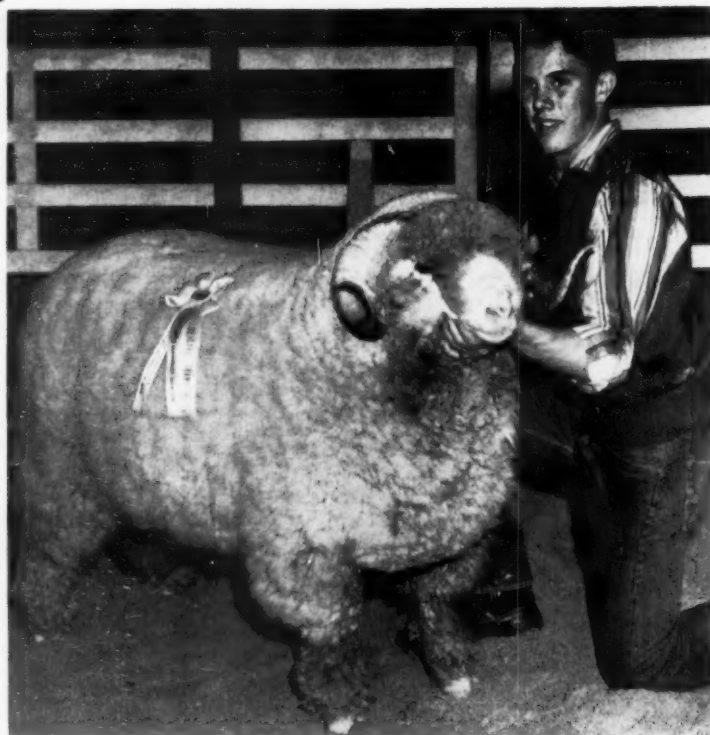
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mixed feed in order to put on a better sale fleece. Others start out with oats and when the weather gets cold about the first of December add about one-fifth corn to the ration to produce a slight amount of heat in the animals. Others go a bit heavier on the corn and also add cottonseed meal. A good ration to feed is 55 pounds oats, 22 pounds corn, 22 pounds cottonseed meal. Wheat bran may also be added to the above ration in such amounts to give the feed more bulk to keep the bowels functioning right.

There are many specially prepared feeds on the market which breeders use without adding anything to them and are fed throughout the entire period. Two of the most popular prepared feeds are Omolene and Alcomo, put out by Purina Mills. These are sweet feeds and have proven through the years to be ideal for fitting animals for show purposes as the only concentrate fed. These feeds should be fresh. They should not lie in a warehouse too long and become dry because tests have shown that the vitamin A content of the feed lowers after storage and this in turn affects the value of the feed although the protein and fat content remain the same. When one of these prepared feeds is fed, a good legume hay such as alfalfa should be fed in a rack free choice.

A complete ration may be fed the buck kids by grinding the hay and concentrates together. By this method there is probably less waste in the roughages when they are fed in a hay rack. The total intake may not be as great as when the feeds are fed separately. The addition of molasses to the ration in addition to making it more palatable helps to keep the various parts of the feed together so that all of it will be eaten without leaving the less palatable in the trough. The hay may be straight alfalfa or alfalfa and grain sorghum in equal amounts. Other hays of similar quality may be used instead of these.

Self-Feeders Save Labor

The use of self-feeders is quite popular where there is a desire to save in labor. The results are generally not quite as good as by the hand feeding method. When self-feeders are used salt in amounts to comprise up to one-third of the ration may be added to limit the intake of feed. When the kids are placed on the self-feeders there is usually some scouring at first until they get accustomed to the feed. Care should be exercised in self-feeding that the ration is not too finely ground, especially when wheat, maize or hegari comprise a major part of the feed. One breeder had the misfortune of losing several choice buck kids as well as throwing all of them off feed when he used finely ground hegari as a major part of the ration. The feed formed a paste and caked in the stomach, where it wouldn't digest.

When it is desired to get the most gains on the kids in a short period of time when using self-feeders they should be brought to full feed first by trough feeding. They should then be placed on the feeders without salt being added to the ration. The expression is often used that "they will eat their darn fool heads off if you let them." This expression is used when a breeder's intentions is to supplement the field or pasture grazing with concentrates for the most economical gains rather than develop them at their most rapid rate of growth. When fed in unlimited amounts he visualizes his profits being eaten up. They really aren't though, because the well developed buck always outsells the undeveloped when their inherited quality is the same.

The exact requirements of the buck kid in relation to digestible protein and total digestible nutrients are not known. My own records show that a ration for a buck kid weighing forty to fifty pounds and grazing on oats should furnish about fifteen hundredths of a pound of digestible protein daily. His total requirements are about .2 pound of digestible protein daily. His rate of gain is expected to be from one-third to one-half pound daily. By the time he weighs seventy-five pounds he may require from .35 to .4 pounds of digestible protein daily. When he reaches the ninety-five pound average his digestible protein requirements will be about one-half pound daily.

Keep Feed Level Below Saturation Point

There is a difference in how much a kid will eat without going off feed and how much feed is required for the most economical growth. A healthy buck kid will consume about one pound of feed daily when weighing fifty pounds. At seventy-five pounds he should be consuming one and one-half to two pounds, and by the time he is weighing ninety pounds will consume as much as two and one-half to three pounds of concentrates daily, in addition to hay, small grain, or pasture grazing. Most breeders do not like to bring the kid up to the saturation point — that is the point where he is consuming the largest amount possible without going off feed—until show and sale time nears. Once this saturation point is reached it takes about as long to get him off it without ill effects. We are often

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When the buck kid is first weaned he may be confined to a pen or small trap where he is taught to eat grain. Older bucks such as flock studs or leftover sales bucks may be placed with them to act as pacifiers to make them less restless. Rutting is a problem with buck kids since the larger and more mature will tend to ride the younger and weaker, making them lose weight and get weaker unless taken out of the bunch. The young bucks should not be confined near where there are does so the rutting problem will be lessened. The scent of a doe in heat may be carried as much as one-fourth mile by the wind and will "trigger" rutting into action.

confronted with a "burned out condition" which is actually due to a change in the amount and quality of feed entering the digestive system. The system has to be adjusted to it slowly rather than abruptly. This is a condition a buyer is often faced with when he buys bucks in sales where they are highly conditioned and he dumps them on the range without giving supplemental feed. It is to his advantage to taper them off the feed gradually and prevent this condition.

Keep Him Hungry When Feeding From a Trough

The methods of feeding are almost as important as the feed itself in getting the kid started right and growing rapidly. One very successful breeder says "always keep the buck kids hungry." That is, give him the amount he will consume in a short time to supply his requirements, but not enough to cause scouring or going off feed. When the kids are kept hungry it is easier to increase the feed from day to day or week to week as he gains in weight.

There is usually a wide variation in the sizes of the kids when placed on feed and it is easy to create a timid or cowed condition in the small or immature kid from the start if he gets butted away from the feed by larger and more mature animals. The breed-

er who carefully regulates the amount of feed and allows all of the kids to rush in to the feed at the same time finds that each of the kids is more likely to get his share regardless of size. The healthy buck kid will have a sense of frustration about him while eating for fear that the others will eat it all. When he is hungry and eating rapidly trying to "hog it all" he has little time to fight. The larger kid will usually take about five rapid bites of the feed and then pause to gulp it down and at the same time makes a rapid sideways motion with his head and horns, whamming away his competition. The weaker kids will usually move to another position at the trough or will wait to see if another attack is coming before moving. It is certainly a good sound to the feeder to hear the rapid click-click as kernels of corn are broken by the jaw teeth along with the quieter rustling sounds of the lips as the oats are taken into the mouth.

Grinding is not necessary when feeding oats and corn, since the animals have very sharp teeth that can easily crack the grain and at the same time saliva will be added to begin its digestion. Grinding may increase gains when the animals are older, though. When it is desired to add cottonseed meal to the ration it should be in the

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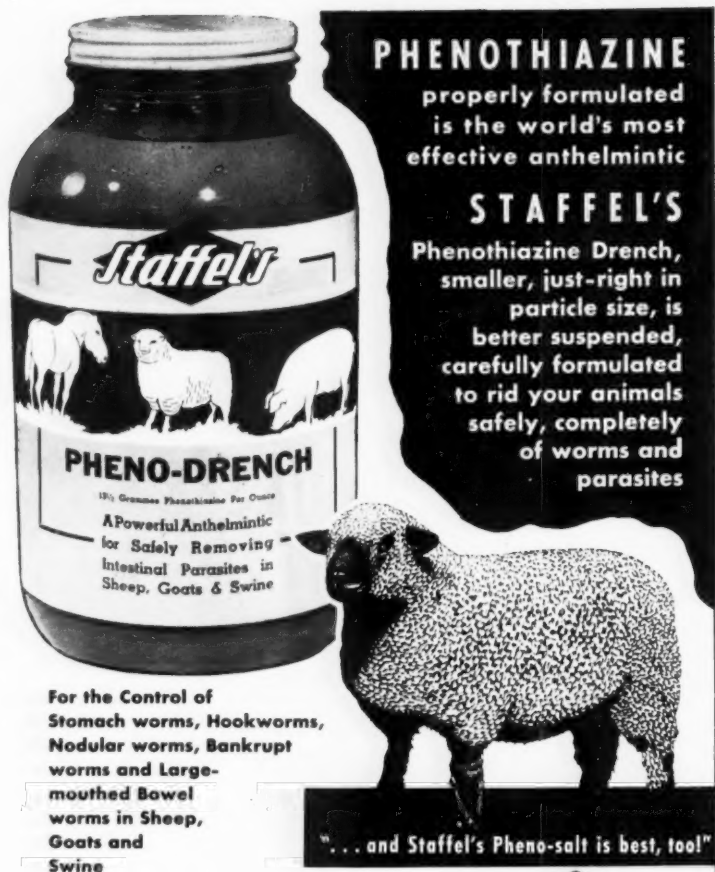
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meal form rather than pellets. When pellets are fed the animal has to stop and chew each one. This may throw the feed intake out of balance since some of the kids may not eat the pellets but continue eating the grain.

When the grain is fed there should be no hay available, and the feeding of hay should be held off until grain feeding is complete. If hay is available some of the timid kids will leave the trough and eat hay instead of grain. When a mixed feed is fed containing corn it is never more important that the grain be cleaned up quickly and completely. If very much feed is left the weak kids will wait until the stronger ones have finished eating grain and then go to the trough and pick out the sweet kernels of corn. They may eat too much and go off feed.

Regularity of Feeding Saves in Feed and Makes Gains More Economical

The buck kids should be fed at approximately the same time each day. Some breeders prefer to feed twice daily, while others feed only once. The feeding should be done around seven o'clock in the morning and between five and six o'clock in the evening. When the feeding is done on schedule the digestive system gets accustomed to it and the feed from one feeding goes through the proper process before any more is taken in. The bucks will also learn to regulate their grazing or hay feeding so that they take in about the same amount of forage or roughages each day. The value of this is shown when a feeding of concentrates is left off and the animals continue to eat hay and it gets their system out of balance. "A person who is a good feeder can put almost twice the amount of gains on an animal with the same amount of feed that a poor feeder does." This statement is often made and is deserving of some thought. With feed at the current prices it costs about fourteen to nineteen cents per pound for every pound of gain when it is put on at a constant rate without too many inter-

ruptions or stoppages in growth. The cost per pound of gain can easily be doubled if one is not very careful.

Proper Feeding Requires Proper Equipment

It was once commonplace for a breeder to put out his feed in stumps of trees, hollowed-out logs, and on flat rocks or any sort of depression that would keep the feed off the ground. It usually scattered the different places where the feed was put over a wide area. When the feed was put out the larger of the kids would fight the smaller away. The small kids would grab a few bites before getting butted away and then go in a fast trot to the next place where he might grab a few more bites before heading for the next place. This method kept the smaller and weaker kids running from one place to the other with the larger and stronger ending up eating most of the feed. When this equipment was used the breeder usually ended up with a wide variation in the size of the bucks at sale time.

The modern day feeder finds that he must have adequate equipment if he is to put the proper amount of feed into each kid and get the maximum returns in body growth and fleece. For larger groups of kids—more than twenty—the trough space should be about one foot for each kid. The space should be adequate but not in excess. The buck kids seem to eat better when they are fed where they will all be eating close together. This prevents them from continually running from one trough to another or from one end of the trough to the other.

The trough should be of such width that animals may eat from both sides. The sideboards must be high enough that feed cannot be raked out. A floor with of eight inches and a side height of three and one-half to four inches is adequate. Most troughs are built rectangular, but one constructed in a V-shape is just as good and is easily cleaned. An excellent V-shaped trough may be constructed using two 1x6-inch boards. This makes a trough that is about eight inches across the top and three and one-third inches deep. Such a trough built about twenty feet long where the kids eat from both sides will feed twenty-five to thirty kids at a time.

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fastidious and will not touch feed once it has become contaminated. A board of 1x4-inch dimensions placed in a vertical position about 12 to 14 inches above the center of the floor of the trough and extending over its entire length is sufficient. Some breeders prefer a larger board of upwards of twelve inches in width because it is less likely to be broken by the kids whamming it with their horns.

Keep Troughs Clean of Contamination

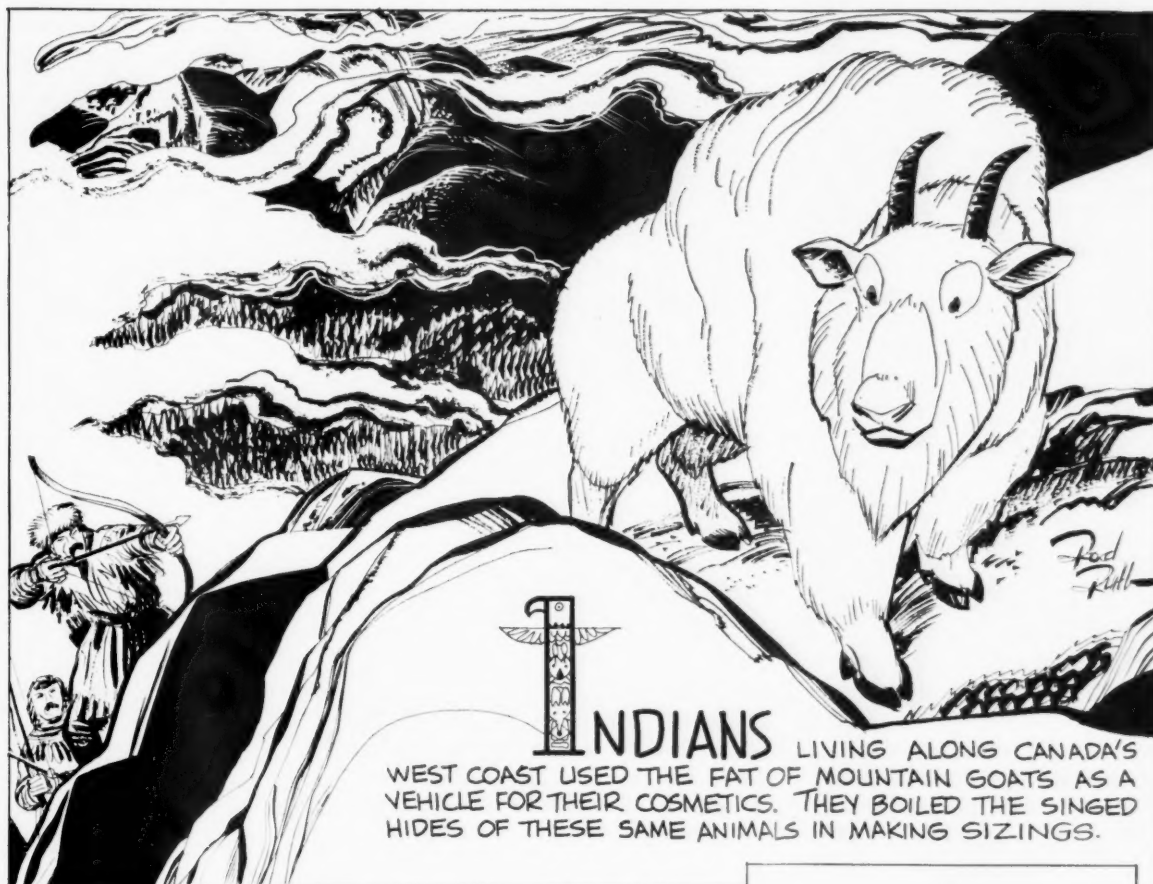
The Angora goat will hardly touch leftover feed unless he is almost starved to it. When some grain is left it should be cleaned out and fed to

some animals which would appreciate it, such as range does or milk calves. The trough should be cleaned daily. A small whisk broom is ideal for cleaning the V-shaped trough, while a larger household broom is better for sweeping the rectangular ones.

Keep Plenty of Fresh, Clean Water Available

The kids need plenty of fresh, clean water. The amount of water they drink daily will depend upon the type of feed they eat. Feeds such as cottonseed meal tend to make them drink more water than feeds not so high in protein. When grazing native range forage they may seem to hardly want any water at all during cooler weather,

but while grazing oats they will drink large amounts. Angora goats are very finicky about their water and like it clean without any contamination. The water should be away from where they are fed. When allowed to drink twice daily, once in the morning and evening is usually sufficient. When the water is placed in the pens where they are fed they tend to want to defecate in it or some of the larger will stand guard over it and keep the weaker away. A large tub or concrete trough is ideal for watering the young bucks. Open water such as running streams, lakes, or farm ponds when available are ideal since they afford a larger area where the kids may drink and the weaker aren't crowded away.



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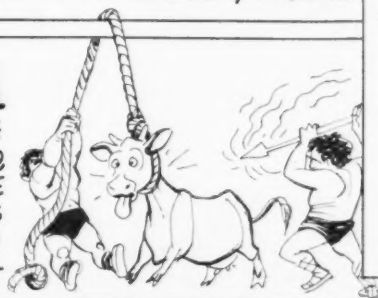


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GENERAL ALBERT C. Wedemeyer's book, "Wedemeyer Reports," has climbed to a top rung on the Best Seller list, and this fact is encouraging. It is also good news that this outstanding American, chief United States military planner for World War II in the European theater, has retired from the Army to dedicate his influential efforts as a citizen toward the preservation of the American way of life. As a four-star General he was restrained by the military code; in retirement, he is speaking up without such restraint.

General Wedemeyer today views world Communism as the greatest menace ever faced by America or free people anywhere. He held and expressed the same view in the early days and throughout World War II — while top American leaders, turning a deaf ear to his warnings, were making diplomatic and military moves which aided world Communism; in fact, which gave world Communism the great power it has today.

Aiding World Communism

The title of his book harkens back to "The Wedemeyer Report" in 1947. President Truman sent him on a mission to China in July, 1947, to determine what the United States' policy should be toward the government of China which was being attacked by Communist hordes armed and guided by Soviet Russia. Previously, Secretary of State George C. Marshall had sought to force Chiang Kai-shek, in 1946, to accept Communists such as Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai into the Chinese government, and when Chiang resisted on grounds that this would ultimately destroy free China, the United States imposed a crippling arms embargo upon the government of China.

In his book, General Wedemeyer indicates that he feels he was sent on

the mission to China with the thought by President Truman and Secretary Marshall that he would support the pro-Communist viewpoint and recommend no aid to Chiang Kai-shek. However, his report, presented to President Truman and Secretary Marshall in September, 1947, recommended immediate arms and military advisory aid to China. His report was suppressed. The aid, which surely would have kept China and her 500 million people out of the Communist orbit, was withheld until the Communists had won in China. And this was a turning point in history — terribly destructive to the hopes of free people everywhere.

Withheld Aid to China

This is a vitally important book, a gravely important historical report on disastrous U. S. policy. With "The Wedemeyer Report" suppressed, a group of informed and courageous Congressmen led a fight early in 1948 to force the administration to send armament aid to China's sorely beset armies fighting the Communists. The legislation, enacted in April, 1948, provided for \$128 million worth of immediate arms aid. But this aid was withheld until the end of 1948, and by that time Chiang's position in China had become untenable — the Communists had won.

And, as General Wedemeyer notes in his book, the fall of China to the Communists, due to American diplomatic and military decisions favorable to the Reds, led directly to the Korean War and its disastrous consequences for the United States. It also permitted Soviet Russia, fatherland and citadel of world Communism, to annex and dominate most of Asia and assume otherwise unattainable international power.

Shocking Facts

Do the people of America realize the significance of this report? It reveals — and its facts have not been challenged — that leaders of government, through their shocking Communist-aiding diplomatic and military decisions, actually built up the present monstrous power of world Communism. The General throws a challenging spotlight on what might be termed a "hidden government" shaping decisions at presidential and cabinet level. He says: "I sensed that our top leaders were virtually captive to those around them — their advisors, now often alluded to as the palace guard."

General Wedemeyer says flatly that President Roosevelt was determined to get the United States involved in World War II and that he deliberately maneuvered us into the war by provoking Japan. The General shows,

THE TWENTY - SECOND annual Sonora Wool and Mohair Show will be held June 17-18, 1959. This is an all-Texas show for 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, and adult producers, featuring junior wool, mohair, range, sheep, and goat judging.

The purpose of the show is to encourage a thorough knowledge of range vegetation; to encourage the production of profitable livestock; to encourage profitable production and preparation of wool and mohair; and to sponsor a type of club work applicable to the ranching area.

There will be two divisions in the judging contests for the 1959 show. There will be one division for boys and girls under 12 years old as of January 1, 1959, and another division for boys and girls over 12 years old as of January 1, 1959. Individual and team awards will be presented in each division in range judging, livestock judging, wool judging, and mohair judging. Rotating trophies will be presented to the overall high teams in each division. Plaques will be presented to the first four overall high teams in the senior division and banners will be presented to the first four overall high junior teams. Overall high individuals in the senior division will receive medals and overall high individuals in the junior division will receive ribbons.

The senior team judging score only will count toward the Best All-Round Club Trophy, which is presented to the club or chapter making the best overall showing in all phases of the wool and mohair show.

Winners in the various divisions last year included: Joe and John Friess, Sutton County 4-H, grand champion junior bag of wool; Tom Epperson, Edwards County 4-H, grand champion junior fleece of wool; Gayle Akin, Bandera County 4-H, grand champion junior fleece of mohair; first place record book, Ronald G. Haley, Lorraine FFA; first place livestock judging team, Upton County 4-H; first place wool team, Kimble County 4-H, Bandera County 4-H, Crockett County 4-H; first place mohair team, Bandera County 4-H; first place range team, Schleicher County 4-H; overall high team, Crockett County 4-H; overall high individual, Ernest Nimitz, Schleicher 4-H; and best all-round club, Sutton County 4-H. Adult winners included grand champion fleece of mohair, Howard Hay, Bandera County; grand champion fleece of wool, Armer Earwood, Sutton County; grand champion bag of wool, Elsie Earwood, Sutton Coun-

through documentation, that our government had broken the Japanese secret code and had information on December 6, 1941, that the Japanese were going to strike somewhere the very next day; in other words, we were forewarned of the strike against Pearl Harbor 24 hours in advance. "President Roosevelt," says General Wedemeyer, "had ample time to broadcast a warning." He did not and we lost 3,500 men and most of our Pacific fleet. General Wedemeyer's book ought to shock our citizens out of their apathy and stimulate active participation in our governmental affairs which are the business of us all.

Sonora Wool and Mohair Show Announced for June 17-18

ty, and first place adult plant judge, Troy Williams of Ozona.

4-H and FFA members may bunk on the school grounds where showers and rest room facilities are available. The school cafeteria will serve lunch and supper during the show to 4-H members, FFA members, and other persons desiring to eat with the boys and girls. An Awards Luncheon will be held in the cafeteria on Thursday noon, at which time the Sonora Lion's Club will recognize all of the winners and the awards will be made.

Wool and mohair fleece divisions will include range fine wool, regis-

tered Rambouillet, registered Delaine, range mohair and registered mohair fleeces. Wool classes will include yearling ewe, aged ewe, yearling ram and aged rams for each breed. Mohair classes will include doe kid, aged doe, buck kid, and aged buck for both registered and grade goats.

Bag classes will consist of fine wool yearling ewe, finewool aged ewe, and eight months ewe wool both in the adult and junior shows. There will be special classes for bags of twelve months ram wool and eight months ram wool in the adult show.

Trophies will be presented the

grand champion fleece of mohair in both adult and junior shows.

The show is sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club in cooperation with the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company, with the help of the business and ranch people of Sutton County.

The show committee is composed of Fred T. Earwood, Chairman; Edwin Sawyer, Joe M. VanderStucken, and Bryan Hunt.

Information concerning the show may be obtained by contacting D. C. Langford, County Agent, Sonora, Texas, or the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company.

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RAMS SELL WELL IN CALIFORNIA RAM SALE AT SACRAMENTO

THE 39TH Annual California Ram Sale was held May 4 and 5 in Sacramento with 1663 head of sheep selling for an average of \$124. Two new sales records were made when a Hampshire ram sold for \$2,075 and a Suffolk ram at \$1,325.

Southdowns topped the breed averages this year with 50 head averaging \$154. Suffolk-Hampshire crossbreds were second with 64 rams averaging \$146.25. Corriedales averaged \$144.36 for 55 rams. Seventy-one Columbias averaged \$137.18. Nine hundred fourteen Hampshire averaged \$124.61. Thirty-nine Rambouillets averaged \$122.79. Four hundred sixty-one Suffolks averaged \$115. Nine Romeldales averaged \$88.33.

Top selling sheep of the sale included: Hampshire ram consigned by John Banick & Son of Brooks, Oregon, purchased by Roland Buckman of Dixon, California, for \$2,075; Suffolk ram consigned by Eldon Riddell of Independence, Oregon, purchased

by Asel Eoff of Salem, Oregon, for \$1,325; Southdown ram consigned by Eldon Riddell, purchased by Pamela J. Ford of Arcata, California, for \$500; Corriedale ram consigned by Leslie and Lee Crane of Santa Rosa, California, purchased by Jerry King of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for \$775; Columbia rams consigned by E. J. Handley and Clarence Bernards, both of McMinnville, Oregon, purchased for \$475 each by Wynn Hansen of Collinston, Utah, and Wesley Jacobsen of Santa Rosa, California, respectively; Rambouillet ram consigned by Nielson Sheep Company of Ephraim, Utah, purchased by Curry French of Willows, California, for \$425; Romeldale ram consigned by A. T. Spencer of Wilton, California, purchased by Ernest Kast of Meridian, California, for \$120; Suffolk-Hampshire crossbred rams (pen of 10) consigned by T. B. Burton of Cambridge, California, purchased by Errea & Foorman of Lancaster, California, for \$170 each.

ROBERT RAY TAKES OVER GLASSCOCK SHEEP

EDGAR GLASSCOCK, Sonora ranchman, called at the magazine office recently and said that his son, Robert Ray Glasscock, is taking charge of the registered Delaine sheep flock owned by his sister, Mrs. Bill Gillet, nee Anna Rose Glasscock. Anna Rose has a four-year record of fine showmanship. Her flock which her brother is taking over consists of about 12 ewe lambs, 15 ram lambs, 55 registered ewes and two stud rams.

D. L. Newman, Santa Anna Rambouillet breeder, reports a good year with ranges in fairly good shape and ram offerings almost gone. He recently sold five rams to Milligan Brothers of Rockwood and a number to his brother, Walter Newman. He will have some lambs ready in September. He reports that the grain crop in his area will be short with grasses fair to good.

C. M. Green of Stephenville recently sold his entire flock of about 85 registered Suffolk sheep to W. A. Oatman of the Double Heart Ranch of Sweetwater for \$50 per head.

The addition of this well-established flock gives Oatman about 300 head of purebred Suffolks. Mr. Green was forced to sell because of his health.

The Willingham Farm at Valley Mills is now deeply wrapped up in a new business—that of raising jackasses, or donkeys, if you please. That is a thriving, if somewhat seldom found, segment of the livestock business. One thing that W. F. Lappe, manager, enjoys about this work is the very rare paint colt jack which they are using in service now. It is a real oddity in the jackass world. A paint jenny is not uncommon.

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Wool Bureau Elects Sexton

J. KENNETH SEXTON has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Wool Bureau, Inc., for the year 1959-1960.

Mr. Sexton, who resides in Wil-lows, California, and who is also president of the American Wool Council, succeeds H. J. Wardell, chairman of the New Zealand Wool Board.

New directors elected to the board during the annual meeting held in New York this week are Walter Pfluger of Eden, Texas, who is also vice president of the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc., to succeed G. Norman Winder of Denver, Colorado; Harold Josendal of Casper, Wyoming, who is also president of the National Wool Growers Association, to succeed Don Clyde of Heber City, Utah; and William A. Gunn, chairman of the Australian Wool Bureau, to succeed T. G. Carter of Australia.

Other Wool Bureau directors elected to the board for the coming year include Mr. Wardell, H. K. P. Wood, chairman of the International Wool Secretariat; Dr. Jan Moolman, chairman of the South African Wool Board; Reginald G. Lund, member of the International Wool Secretariat; and Edwin S. Mayer of San Angelo, Texas.

Max F. Schmitt was reelected president of The Wool Bureau and Felix J. Colangelo secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Wood was reelected chairman of the executive committee of the board, with Mr. Lund, Mr. Sexton, and Mr. Pfluger as members.

The new board of The Wool Bureau reviewed progress in wool promotion and technology in the United States during the past year, and approved plans for the forthcoming year. Plans call for increased funds for wool and promotion in the year ahead.

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WOOL BUREAU BOARD

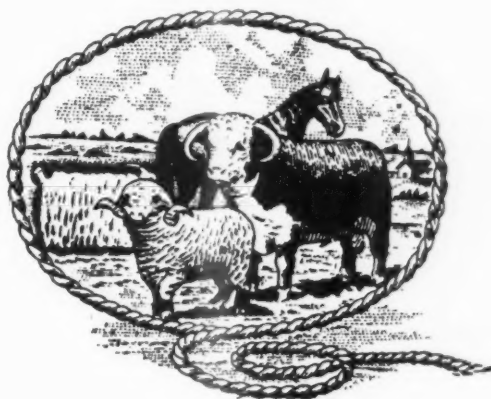
New Wool Bureau board of directors — seated from left to right, H. J. Wardell, chairman of the New Zealand Wool Board; William A. Gunn, chairman of The Australian Wool Bureau; J. K. Sexton, newly elected chairman of the board, is also president of the American Wool Council; J. H. Moolman, chairman of the South African Wool Board; and H. K. P. Wood, chairman of the International Wool Secretariat. Standing from left to right, Max F. Schmitt, president of The Wool Bureau; R. G. Lund, member of the International Wool Secretariat; Walter Pfluger, Eden, Texas, vice president of the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc.; H. Josendal, president of the National Wool Growers Association; E. S. Mayer, of San Angelo, Texas.

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Mrs. Frank Sweeten today. She is the grandmother of Phyllis Sweeten, who will be crowned Miss Mohair the last of July.

THE OLD Settlers Reunion and Ex-students Homecoming which began in 1953 in Rocksprings is sponsored by the Edwards County Chamber of Commerce, assisted by the Rocksprings Woman's Club, Merry Heart Club, and Legion Auxiliary. The Reunion is held annually at the same time of the Rocksprings Rodeo in July.

This year Mrs. Frank Sweeten will be crowned queen of the event July 2.

Mrs. Sweeten was born in Blanco on October 25, 1882. She is the daughter of John M. and Martha Snearly Benskin. Mr. Benskin was a farmer-stockman at Blanco; however, his main business was trading, buying and selling land and livestock.

Their daughter, Nona, went to a country school four miles from Blanco and later moved into Blanco for her education. When she was 13 years old she joined the Baptist Church.

In September, 1900, the Benskin family moved to Edwards County, where Mr. Benskin bought the Hosea Underwood Ranch, seven miles north of Rocksprings. In 1901 he bought 7,680 acres of land from W. R. Burt at 1.03 per acre. He became a large land holder and continued buying and selling land and livestock until his death in September, 1919. Nona's mother died in 1936.

Frank and Nona Sweeten were

married May 26, 1902, at her ranch home. There were a hundred guests at the Sweeten wedding and a big supper followed the wedding.

The Sweetens began ranching on Spring Creek ranch now owned by Lester Phillips at Barksdale. A year later they moved to the ranch presently owned by C. O. Whitworth. They lived there until about 1920, when they bought the two ranches east of town. In 1947 they sold their livestock and leased the ranches to their sons, Brooks and Charles, and moved to Uvalde. They observed their golden wedding anniversary in Rocksprings on May 27, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweeten have four children, Mrs. Seth Young of Uvalde, Mrs. Raymond Cavness of San Angelo, Brooks and Charles Sweeten of Rocksprings. Another son, Raymond, is deceased. They have 14 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The Annual Coronation of Old Settlers Queen, when Mrs. Sweeten will be crowned, is always an inspiration and is a symbol of a country where peace and happiness abound, where plans can materialize year after year. The coronation will climax a day of reunion for the old settlers, students, and ex-students of Edwards County schools.

MENARD RANCHMEN FORM PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

A COMMITTEE of Menard County ranchmen and property owners met the week of May 10 to further work on a protective association for the county.

The committee, headed by Fritz Luckenback, has drawn up a set of model by-laws and a list of recommended objectives. The purpose of the organization, as stated in the proposed by-laws, is "to promote unity, strength, and mutual protection among its members and to promote the com-

mon interests of those engaged in the livestock business; to promote enactment and enforcement of laws for protection of farmers and ranchers and to assist county and state officials whenever possible; to guard livestock ranges against waste and depredation, and to control predatory wildlife."

Good advice: Just don't buy an inferior ram. If you are not certain, don't buy. The sales usually offer the best rams available — and checked for imperfections.

Tenth Annual Rocksprings Rodeo Scheduled July 2 through 4

THE TENTH annual Rocksprings Rodeo will be held July 2, 3 and 4, at the Edwards County Park. The rodeo is sponsored by the American Legion of Rocksprings. The Old Settlers Reunion and Ex-students Homecoming sponsored by the Edwards County Chamber of Commerce will also be held on those dates.

The rodeo will include saddle bronc riding, calf roping, junior calf roping, bareback bronc riding, team tying, and bull riding. Guaranteed saddles will be given on these events.

There will also be the ladies' barrel race, and junior girls' barrel race for those under 17 years of age.

There will be a rope-off all day on July 2 and 3; this will eliminate the late hours at night for such.

A barbecue supper and dance will be held each night.

The schedule of events are as follows:

July 2 —
Books Close at 9:00 A.M.
Rope-off 1:00 P.M.
Barbecue 6:00 P.M.
First Performance 8:00 P.M.
Dance 9:30 P.M.

July 3 —
Rope-off 8:00 A.M.
Barbecue 6:00 P.M.
Second Performance 8:00 P.M.
Dance 9:30 P.M.

July 4 —
Parade 10:00 A.M.
Barbecue 12:00 Noon
Third Performance 2:00 P.M.
Fourth Performance 8:00 P.M.
Dance 9:30 P.M.



ROCKSPRINGS IN THE EARLY DAYS

This is how Rocksprings looked back in the 1800's. Building at right is the court house. The vacant lot inside the picket fence is now the site where the Balentine Hotel stands. The three wagons were loaded with wool and mohair.



CITY "ON TOP OF THE WORLD" 100 YEARS AGO

Rocksprings, the city "On Top of the World," long considered the Mohair Capital of the world, is over one hundred years old. This is a street scene in Rocksprings in the early days.

George Beck, veteran Coleman County ranchman of Valera, got nearly two inches of rain May 16. "The range is good as can be." Edgar Beck, his brother, is reported seriously ill in the hospital at Coleman.

Consignors to the recent Delaine sale were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dietz and daughter Carolyn. They have been in the Delaine business since 1942 and have a flock of 80 breeding ewes.



HISTORICAL PICTURES OF ROCKSPRINGS TO BE SHOWN

On July 2, 3 and 4, Rocksprings will celebrate with a Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion. The stores in Rocksprings will have on display many old items and old pictures of early day scenes of Rocksprings. This is a picture of the old Ranchman Hotel in Rocksprings used many years ago by ranchmen who came into Rocksprings to shop or tend to other business and had to stay over night.

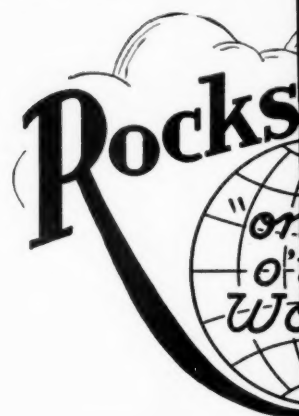
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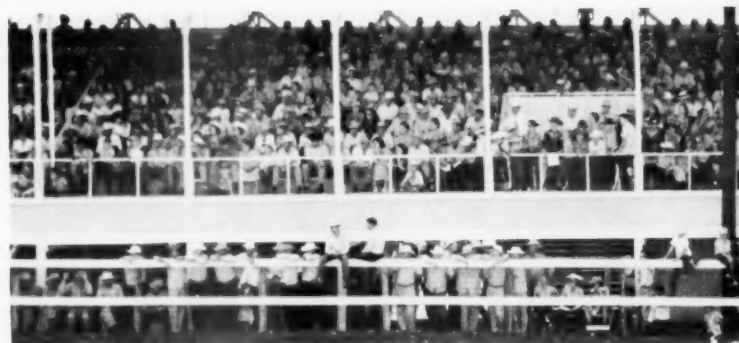


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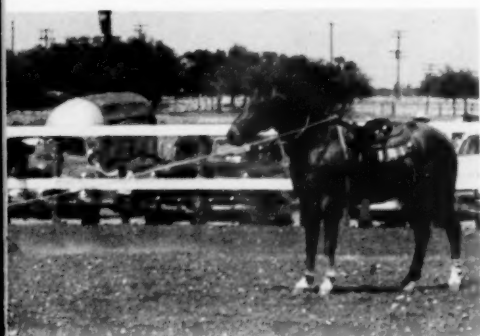
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A. D. JONES ESTATE DEBOUILLET SALE, SEPTEMBER 10

THE SIXTH Annual Sale of Deboillet Sheep has been announced by Mrs. A. D. Jones of Roswell and Tatum, New Mexico. The sale will be held on the Jones Estate ranch, 10 miles west of Tatum, New Mexico, on September 10. A barbecue lunch will precede the sale.

The sale this year will feature registered rams, range rams, yearling ewes, and aged ewes in numbers approximating those of previous sales.

Mrs. Jones recently reported that the plains have had rains for several days in May totaling from two to four inches. "In fact, there are very few dry spots in the south or eastern parts of the state. Stock is doing well."

The sale always is popular with the range sheepmen and several hundred attend each year. Prices have been in the popular line, and sheepmen have been willing buyers. This year with improved range conditions the sheep

offered will be in excellent condition as will be the ranges to which they will go.

The Deboillet sheep have been an integral part of New Mexico's wool improvement program which has attracted quite a following. The breed stresses quality wool and lots of it—64's or finer. Body weight of ewes at two months after weaning lambs is required to be 125 pounds for registration.

M. P. RENFROE HAS GOOD YEAR

M. P. RENFROE of Melvin, Deboillet breeder, reports that ram sales have been good so far this year. Ranges in his area are good with plenty of feed on the ground but stock water is needed badly as the rains which have fallen have gone into the ground and not filled the tanks.

He delivered, May 21, twenty head of yearling Deboillet rams to Joe Blakeney, San Angelo, at \$50 each. He has sold to Blakeney the past four years.

Other sales include four to a Mr. Lee of Winchell, 74 yearling ewes, one stud and five range rams to a ranchman near Goldthwaite.

Mr. Renfro features the quality of his wool and declares that sheepmen who like good wool have been his best boosters and customers.

LIVESTOCK DEALER REGISTRATION REQUIRED

A NEW amendment to the Packers and Stockyards Act, effective May 24, 1959, states that livestock dealers, market agencies, either buying or selling across state lines either in the country or at markets subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, must register and furnish bond.

This was announced May 7 by W. C. Ball, district supervisor, Packers and Stockyards office, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Fort Worth, Texas.

Bond coverage shall be in no case less than \$5,000.00 and is based upon the volume of business transacted.

Regulations on interstate livestock marketing previously applied only to persons dealing at markets subject to the Act. The new amendment holds the dealer responsible for registering and obtaining bond coverage if he is operating across state lines.

Texas and eastern New Mexico livestock dealers are urged to register immediately with the District Parkers and Stockyards office, 231 Livestock Exchange Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

J. R. Fegette, McGregor, has raised some good lambs this year. He registered 30 head of Delaines last year and will have 42 this year. He has sold out of Delaine rams at an average of \$30 each, out of the wool. All were ram lambs. He topped the market recently with a load of old crop lambs which brought 20 cents a pound. The country, he said, is in good shape, wheat is good but oats not so good. Livestock is doing well.

UVALDE QUARTER HORSE SHOW JUNE 12-13

THE UVALDE Quarter Horse Show, to be held June 12 and 13, will open on Friday morning, June 12, with Miss Pepper Kincaid, Sweetheart of the show, crowning the Queen of the Horse Show. This will be followed with a parade which starts at 10:00 A.M. Following the downtown parade, activity will begin at the newly improved exposition grounds. Evening performances will begin at 8:00 P.M. both nights. The barbecue dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. Saturday.

The two-day event is approved by the American Quarter Horse Association for entries consist of \$1,000 added in the open cutting contest, \$200 added in the open barrel race, and \$200 added in the jackpot calf roping contest. Mail entries to Uvalde Quarter Horse Show, Charles M. Cain, Jr., Secretary, Box 588, Uvalde, Texas.

Royal G. Stoner, President of the Uvalde Quarter Horse Association, Inc., said the show will attract outstanding horses from a wide area. The world's Champion Cutting Horse of 1958, owned by Uvaldean George Pardi, will be among the entries in the show.

QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION MAKES GROWTH

THE QUARTER Horse Association of West Texas met May 2 in Sonora and voted to expand its membership, elected officers, and presented awards to members.

Officers elected include the following: Ralph Dye of Fort Stockton, executive secretary; Buster Cole of Goldsmith, president; Don Smith of Talpa, Gene Shurley of Sonora, and Alvie Cole of Sterling City, vice-presidents; Ira Lethco of Fort Stockton, treasurer; and Sparks Rust, Jr., of Del Rio, Bob Ballenger of Midland, J. L. Rhodes of Odessa, and P. C. Perner of Ozona, directors.

James K. King of Monahans is the outgoing president of the organization which was founded a little over a year ago in Fort Stockton. Fort Stockton is headquarters for the association.

The membership of the organization when it was founded was only 26. Present membership is 194. The group voted to drop geographical limitations to membership in order to allow prospective members to join the association. Originally membership was limited to West Texas horsemen.

Ira Lethco was presented a special service award for his work with the shows of the past year.

Willie B. Wilson, San Angelo ranchman, recently purchased 3,600 yearling Rambouillet ewes from Boyd Clayton, Ozona ranchman. San Angelo livestock dealer, Lacy Noble, handled the transaction. The prices were said to be "going."

The ewes, half of which are from Clayton's Ozona ranch and half from his Fort Stockton ranch, will be put on Wilson's Pecos County ranch which has not been stocked for the past three years. Delivery date is late in June.

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A.H. Teachers To Be Recognized

DR. W. P. GARRIGUS, president of the American Society of Animal Production and chairman of the Animal Industry Group at the University of Kentucky, announced May 14 that an annual Distinguished Teacher Award has been established to recognize outstanding teachers of animal husbandry.

A commemorative plaque and an award of \$1,000 will be given annually by Swift & Company to a distinguished teacher of undergraduates in the animal husbandry field. Swift & Company and the American Society of Animal Production are co-sponsoring this program to recognize outstanding animal husbandry teachers in North American agricultural colleges.

The recipient of the award each year will be selected by an Award Selection committee from nominees submitted by members of the American Society of Animal Production. Any Association member who is a resident of the United States or Canada, or who has actively taught animal husbandry to undergraduates for at least eight years, is eligible for nomination.

BIGBY HITS JACKPOT

ORAN W. BIGBY, who raises Rambouillet sheep between Paint Rock and Ballinger, hit the jackpot the first time he showed a fleece in major competition and won the championship ribbon in the Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association Wool Show at Brownwood with a yearling registered Rambouillet ewe fleece shorn from right off the range. The ewe was out of a W. L. (Tom) Davis ram and a Bigby-bred ewe.

The two rams he had in the sale at Brownwood were half brothers to the ewe which sheared the grand champion fleece.

He has been in the registered sheep business about nine years and this is the first time he has shown any wool or offered his rams for sale. His annual production of rams average around 25 head from 150 registered breeding ewes. He does not run commercial sheep but does have some cattle.

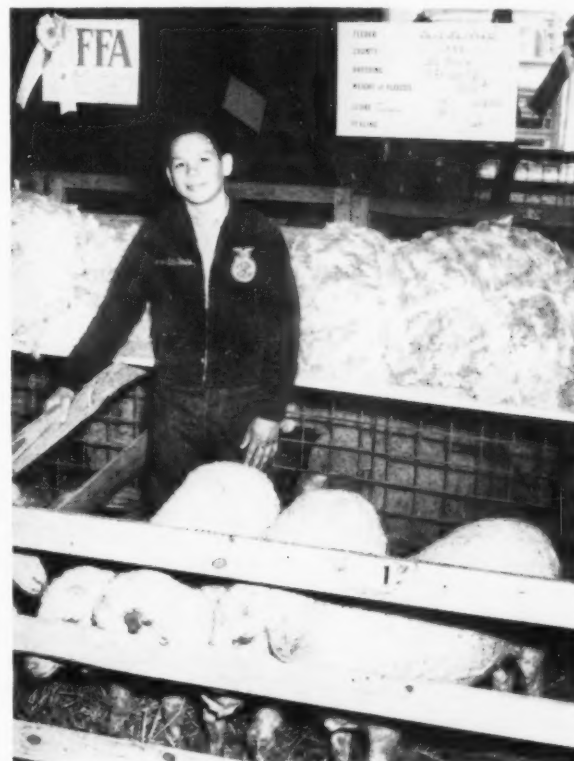
R. W. (Swede) Hanson, Winters vocational agriculture teacher for the past four years, has resigned effective at the end of the current school year to accept a position with the Gibraltar Life Insurance Company in San Angelo. Mr. Hanson will be associated with Gerald Stewart, who was formerly vocational agriculture teacher in Miles.

Harry Holt, who operated a wool and mohair warehouse in Abilene from 1948 to 1955, is building a new warehouse at Abilene on the Abilene Southern Railroad. He expects the warehouse to be ready for the spring-shorn wool and the fall mohair clip.

L. F. Hodges & Son of Sterling City recently sold a number of Rambouillet range rams to Ed McNutt of Dryden.

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	Points	Wool Average 3 Ewes
First: Foster S. Price Breeding	298	16.8
Second: (Debouillet Ewes)	293	13.7
Third	289	13.0
Fourth	288	11.75
Fifth	287	12.6
Sixth	285	11.75
Seventh	284	13.1
Eighth	276	10.25
Ninth	275	11.1
Tenth	274	12.1

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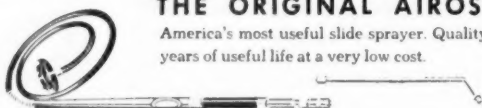
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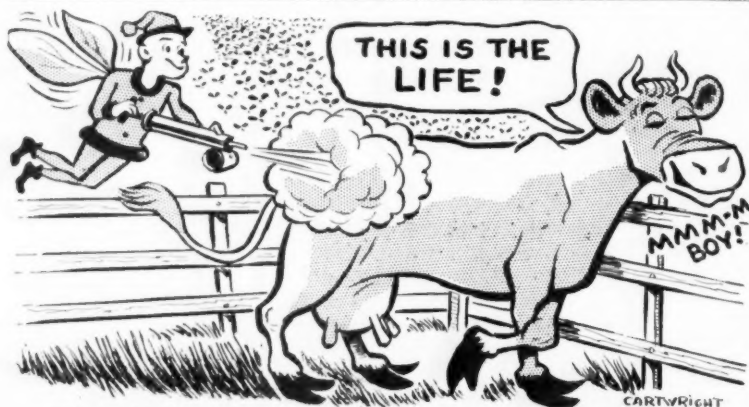
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By JOE H. DIXON

Be Safe . . . Use Good Rams

YEAR AFTER year, the California Ram Sale at Sacramento, and the National Ram Sale at Ogden, Utah, command national attention. Leading breeders, sheepmen and ranchers from all over the West and other sections of the country are on hand at these big sales to buy their stud and range rams, where they know the quality is high and the numbers large.

Both of these big ram sales serve more or less as a barometer to the entire sheep industry throughout the year. When there is a brisk demand for good rams and the sale average is high, the sheep picture for the entire country takes on a brighter hue. When the ram market is dull and the average is low, the industry as a whole seems to suffer.

The fact that our leading breeders travel hundreds of miles to select and purchase their stud rams would seem to stress the point that it is important to use the best rams you can afford to buy.

Here in the Southwest, we are fortunate in having such splendid ram sales as the Brownwood and San Angelo sales, from which to select top rams. The San Angelo Ram Sale has the reputation of being the best of its kind in the nation. If there is a better Rambouillet sale in this country, it is news to me.

Better Rams — Fastest Way To Improve Flock

Follow the leaders in the purebred sheep industry and use better rams. The top men in the sheep industry agree there is no faster way to improve a flock. Our best breeders continue to improve in their breeding operations, and are constantly on the watch for better stud rams.

Importance of Good Rams

The stud rams or breeding rams used in your flock are conceded and termed by most breeders as "Half the Flock." Certainly, the rams you

use have a decided influence on your entire lamb flock. Your better breeding ewes perhaps produce an outstanding lamb or two each year, but it is sires or rams you use that have the over-all and powerful influence on your lamb crop.

Good livestock men realize the importance of good sires, and feel they are a sound and wise investment. A strong battery of stud rams is just like money in the bank. An outstanding lamb crop pays good dividends, and without mentioning any names, our leading breeders learned this lesson long ago.

The rams you select to head your flock will no doubt affect the quality and feeding ability of every lamb they sire. A good lamb crop insures good profits for the coming year, and is evidence that your stud rams are doing a good job.

Selecting Rams For Use In Your Flock

For the farmer who owns enough ewes to afford the purchase of a good ram, it would seem a good investment to buy a purebred ram. Not necessarily a registered ram, but one that shows good breeding from a purebred

Very few bankers and no good ones will object to their customers purchasing good breeding stock.

flock, or breeders and ranchers who operate on a larger scale, the use of several good rams is necessary. Where to find them and what you can afford to pay for rams is a problem that confronts every breeder.

There is more than one way to select the rams for use in your flock. They may be purchased in our group consignment sales, they may be bought at a breeder auction sale, or they may be selected at private treaty at the home of the individual breeder.

All three methods perhaps have their advantages. When buying at consignment sales or auctions, you often have the opportunity to select rams from several good flocks, without having to make but the one stop.

In buying at private treaty or direct from the breeder, you often have the advantage of seeing the breeding flock where your selections are bred and raised. It is not unusual when buying at private treaty to have the chance to inspect at close hand, both the sire and dam of the rams you are interested in.

A Few Suggestions

For the inexperienced ram buyer or beginner in the sheep business, here

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are a few suggestions that might interest and help you in finding suitable rams to use in the flock: Try to select a ram that is active, vigorous, and not sluggish in appearance. He should have the look of masculinity, with good legs and plenty of bone. The good blocky type ram that is straight and thick over the top, with a good rear end that fills down well in the twist, should sire good lambs.

Always check the mouth and testicles on a ram before buying. Should the ram have a poor mouth, over- or undershot, as sheepmen commonly call it, better pass him up and select another ram.

Check the testicles for size and uniformity. If only one is down, or there is too much difference in size, the ram might sire lambs, but chances are he might pass along this defect to his offspring.

Good Rams Are Worth Caring For

Your rams should be in good condition before turned in with your flock of breeding ewes. This does not mean they should be highly fitted or too

fat, which might make them slow and inactive during the breeding season. However, rams should be in good, moderate flesh at the start, when turned in with the ewes. Moderately fleshed rams are usually more active and more apt to settle the ewes, or get them with lamb.

Be sure your rams are in short fleece before turning with ewe flock. Sheared rams or rams in short fleece are much more active during the breeding season. In this section of the Southwest most rams are spring sheared, and are ready for service by June 1, which should insure early fall lambs.

Several of our medium wool breeds do not breed until early fall at best, so it may be necessary to shear your rams again before turning with the flock. By doing this, your chances of getting your ewes settled early and closer together are much better.

Hampshire Brings Big Money At California Ram Sale

Word has just reached me from my brother, Alvin Dixon, Ames, Iowa, who has just recently returned from the big ram sale at Sacramento, that one of the top Hampshire rams in the

sale sold for \$2,065. While he did not say this was the top selling ram in the sale, I assume it was.

Hampshires for many years have been very popular in California and the West Coast for siring top market

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lambs. Hampshire lambs are noted for making extremely fast gains, and fine quality mutton. Hampshire rams are well liked by the commercial breeders in the far west, for they know the kind of lambs it takes to top the market.

Polled Dorsets Sell High at North Carolina State College Sale

Just to show that sheep prices are still holding up well in different sections of the country, I will quote a (Continued on page 34)

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Notice that the sheepman who can afford to invest in good rams is usually the one who is able to invest in something else, too.

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Proper exercise is always important for breeding rams. They should be kept to themselves in a pasture or large lot, except during the breeding season. Rams should not be confined to small lots or pens for any length of time where they cannot exercise properly.

Breeders Want to Please Ram Customers

It is a hard job to please everybody, but most breeders strive to produce the kind of rams that best suit their customers. Certainly most everyone will agree that the only sound methods to follow in purebred sheep production are those which insure that purebred rams will improve commercial and farm flocks. The farmer and rancher wants rams that will sire better quality lambs and transmit certain qualities that will make sheep raising more profitable. To insure this, the breeders should keep in

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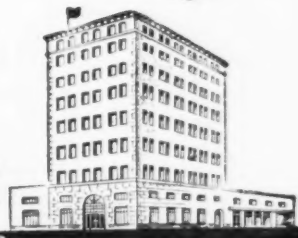
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Management

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summary of the recent Polled Dorset Sale prices at the North Carolina State College as follows:

33 ewes averaged.....	\$260
31 rams averaged.....	\$211
Top 20 stud rams.....	\$267
Top selling ram.....	\$750
Top selling ewe.....	\$450
Sale average.....	\$236
64 head total.....	\$15,125

R. O. Anderson, Circle Diamond Ranch, Roswell, New Mexico, was the largest buyer of Polled Dorsets at the sale. After the sale, he returned by way of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and selected and bought around 75 head of Dorset ewes from the flocks of John Peters, Dorset Haven Farms, M. Floyd Ames, and Leonard Steward. The Peters and Dorset Haven flocks are both located close to Enid, Oklahoma, the Ames flock at Amorita, Oklahoma and the Steward Dorsets at Grenola, Kansas.

Midwest Stud Ram Show and Sale June 15-16

Missouri has always been a fine sheep country, where many top flocks are located. The Midwest Sale has the reputation of being one of our better annual sales. A lot of fine breeding sheep and show individuals go through this sale every year, and no doubt this year, as in the past, there will be Texas and Oklahoma breeders at the ringside to buy show sheep and breeding stock.

A trip through the Ozarks and beautiful Missouri at this time of the year is something to remember. If you are in the market for good Suffolks, Hampshires, Corriedales, Montadales and Shropshires, you will make no mistake in attending the Midwest Sale at the Missouri State Fair Grounds at Sedalia, June 15-16.

Real Club Lamb Sale — June 13

Aime Frank Real is holding his Sixth Annual Club Lamb Sale at the Kerr County Agricultural Building, Kerrville, Texas, June 13.

This outstanding wether sale is no longer an experiment. It is now, perhaps, one of the largest and best known sales of its kind in the nation. Every year, many a prospective wether champion goes through the Real sale.

This sale is a "real" opportunity for youngsters to select the right kind of wether lambs to fit for the fall and winter shows.

Aime Frank Real is unquestionably one of our top Texas breeders, and you can buy with confidence in his sale. His vast experience and know-how in mating his best rams with the right kind of ewes, gives the lambs in this sale the smooth finish that is the result of many years of selective breeding behind them.

It is seldom you can find such a wide selection of good wether lambs from which to pick from.

T. R. Hinton Suffolk Dispersion June 20

It was with a feeling of deep regret that I learned of Tom Hinton's de-

cision to disperse his fine flock of Suffolks. After talking with both Tom and Audrey Hinton, I am convinced it was with a feeling of great reluctance and real regret that this decision was made.

The Hintons have been breeding sheep for over twenty years, and have made a real success of it. First, it was Hampshires, and then came the Suffolks. In the past few years, no effort has been spared at the Hinton Ranch to breed and develop an outstanding flock of Suffolks.

However, in recent months Tom has decided to build a feed mill on the north edge of Keller. Mixed feeds will be ground and distributed to farmers and livestock people in this locality. Undoubtedly, this new business venture will take up much of his time in the future, and Tom feels he no longer would have the time necessary to care for his good sized flock of registered sheep. Rather than to neglect his Suffolks, Tom would rather sell the entire flock.

Hinton Show Flock Will Be Missed

The Hinton show flock has won numerous first prizes, blue ribbons and champion awards at our major shows in the Southwest in recent years. The walls of their office in the sheep barn is well covered with ribbons, pennants and championship awards won at the big shows, together with pictures of some of their champions.

The Hintons have many friends in the sheep business, but it is my opinion they will drop around to see us when the show season rolls around. But we still are going to miss that fine show flock they have fitted year in and year out.

Quality in Quantity

It was my privilege to visit the Hinton Ranch and look over and inspect the entire sale offering this past week. To be perfectly frank, I liked what I saw. It was pleasing to see so

It is foundation building time for many sheepmen. Remember to build with the best rams available.

much quality in such a good sized flock. Another thing that impressed me was the fine condition of the flock. The Hintons are good feeders and good caretakers, and it now appears that the entire flock will be in excellent condition on sale day.

All the Suffolks have been sheared, excepting this year's lamb crop. The flock averaged about nine pounds of wool per head, which seems like an excellent clip for the Suffolk breed, but good feeding always shows up at shearing time.

All sheep will be dipped in the next few days, according to state sanitary regulations. All necessary health papers will be furnished to sheep going out of state.

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LIBRARY FOLKS want us to Wake Up and Read. But out here we ain't got nothin' to read except tax notices and we'd just as soon be asleep, or even dead.

Mrs. Bart Whepley says whiskers was in style when she was a girl, but she made her beaus shave so's she could get a good look and then she turned 'em down. Then she got careless and married Bart sight-unseen.

Irregardless of how the birth rate shoots up and up, there's always more boats than cradles bein' rocked.

Doctors have fixed it so's one shot of meddicin will protect childern from four diseases. Out here one shot of lead into a revenooer will protect six moonshine stills.

It's an ill wind that blows nobody good and a rare wind that ain't loaded with somebody's good topsoil.

There's agitation for changin' the name of Hardscrabble to somethin' more fit for this up-and-comin' community. Sentiment seems to be about even between Skunk Holler and Gopher Mound.

Maybe it's true that marridges are made in heaven, but around here it looks like more of 'em start at the soda fountain than in church.

Me and my wife is just alike in one way. When she asks a neighbor for a ressapee, or I ask a neighbor for advice, don't neither of us mean to do a thing with it.

The French brag that their wine will kill germs. Shucks! Our moonshine will kill people.

It's easier to keep your mind off your troubles if you just remember that you ain't got enough mind to cover 'em all.

Clab Huckey is always the clown and Mrs. Quag Tofer has broadened out considerable here lately. Last night at the pie social he pinned a WIDE LOAD sign to the back of her dress. Clab will be outa the hospittle Tuesday.

The report that Sledge Wicup's boy, Hackamore, had gone to work turns out to be a lot stretched. He found a job but so far he has kept outa sight and dodged all the work.

Through a tellascope the moon looks like it's made outa mud and spattered with gravel. Like an old cowman's face, only not so spattered.

After all, maybe you'll have more fun as a failure than as a success. Anyway, you won't be lonesome.

Ain't a mite of trouble to tote home \$10 worth of groceries. They can be tucked into the pocketbook space left vacant by the \$10.

Gettin' kicked in the head by a loss can be terrible bad luck for a man. Quag Tofer says it happened to him and a \$150 cuttin' hoss broke a leg and had to be shot.

Papers say a terrible lot of drivers is goin' to sleep at the wheel. Out here it never happens less'n the driver has been takin' sleepin' medicine, and not in pill form neither.

Clab Huckey figgers he has somehow been cheated. He sent away for a \$4 book on What Not to Say to a Woman and got back a dickshenary.

Ringtail Skump brags that he whipped a hunderd-year-old man at the Solid Comfort Pool Hall last night. Says it was no trick at all. He knows he could still have whipped him if he had been 115.

There's not much a man's wife'll let 'im do and the guvverment won't let 'im do that.

We sure need some forest mannidgment around here. More'n four moonshine stills to the section is bad for the timber and gives the revenooers too many chances.

Uncle Polecat Whepley takes his politticks mighty serious. Says he never voted for a Republican but once. He was on a jury and voted to hang 'im.

After all, there's somethin' to be said for crime. It keeps a lotta people outa more serious mischief.

Josh Blicher's boy, Hoopshake, has gone to Alaska to look for a job. Read in the paper that there ain't no jobs

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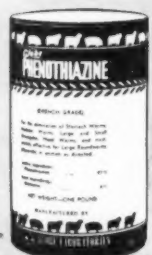
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in Alaska, so he figured that was the safest place to look.

My niece, Deliria, is circulatin' a petition to have Elvis Presley's birthday made a national holiday. When I argued that we've got too many holidays already she said we could drop the birthdays of Washington, Lincoln and other old fogies that couldn't sing or play worth shucks.

Hod Frazzey says nobody has to go any further'n Phoenix to make a trip abroad. Everybody over there looks and acts like a plumb furriner to him.

My neighbors has been lookin' at my house and spreadin' the false report that Foxtail Johnson objects to paint. It ain't paint I object to, just paintin'.

Weather is what us natives has to put up with while the Chamber of Commerce sells climate to tourists.

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In a demonstration of the process in New York the past week, a male model wore a pair of wool slacks with the right leg processed and the left leg unprocessed. Both pants legs were sharply creased until the model was

Now me, I dunno whether the art of conversation is dead or still alive. If highway traffic and jet planes would slow down for a minnit, maybe we could find out.

A woman's ready-to-wear shop has been opened in Hardscrabble. My wife says that's for her. It has been so long since she had any new clothes that she's ready to wear anything.

See by the papers that the derby hat of 1914 is makin' a comeback. Shucks! Out this way the straw hats of 1958 is back already.

I'm naturally tender-hearted and would sure love to help them less fortunate than me, if I could only find 'em.

Ringtail Skump says he's gonna charge his wife with unfair labor practice. She stands behind him with a shotgun while he labors.

subjected to a warm water spray below the knee which saturated both legs. After a period of drying by warm air, the results were shown.

The untreated leg had completely lost its crease and sagged badly. The treated leg looked as good as new.

The process described herein is called the SI-RO-SET Process, named after the CSIRO in Australia—abbreviation for the Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organization.

An adaption of the process has just been perfected for the American production system by the Wool Bureau's Department of Science and Technology, under the direction of Dr. Gerald Laxer.

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Some authorities predict continued modest improvement in the wool market.



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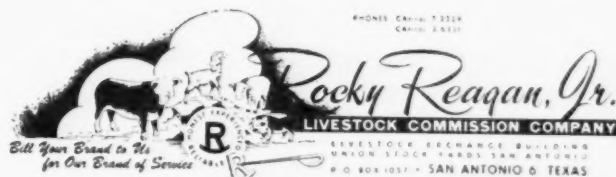
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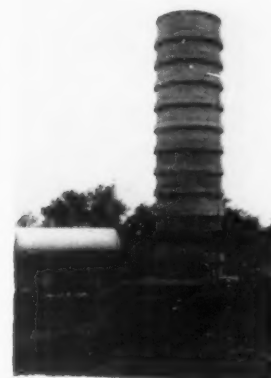
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THE THIRTEENTH annual "Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest got under way April 1 with a broad publicity program covering all daily and weekly newspapers, rural magazines, and radio and television stations in the 20 contest states, it is announced by Max F. Schmitt, president of The Wool Bureau, Inc. The Wool Bureau co-sponsors the contest with the Women's Auxiliary of the National Wool Growers Association.

The addition of Texas this year enlarges the contest area to more than half the geographical area of the continental U. S., with a population of 62,000,000. Texas by itself adds 10,000,000 people.

An enlarged retail program is planned for this year, with emphasis on more active cooperation by retailers in the larger cities, according to Mr. Schmitt. The Wool Bureau's full staff of women's wear retail representatives will participate by visiting piece goods buyers in major stores throughout the contest area. They will encourage the stores to promote the contest by installing contest windows and distributing contest entry blanks.

More than 8,500 home economics instructors throughout the contest area received details of the 1959 contest from the Wool Bureau. This mailing piece included order forms for contest entry blanks and other material to be distributed to students in high schools and colleges.

As the contest gains momentum, the Wool Bureau will supply contest personnel in the individual states with the following:

1. Information for mail order wool fabrics and sewing accessories. This will be of value to contestants in remote areas not well serviced by retail outlets.

2. News on the fall wool fabrics and the important fashion trends of the season. This information will serve as a guide to contestants in purchasing their fall fabrics and patterns.

3. A newspaper and radio publicity kit with numerous story ideas adaptable to local situations.

Prizes this year in the contest total \$45,000, ranging from sewing acces-

sories to sewing machines. Two grand prize winners receive all-expense-paid tours of the fashion capitals of the United States and Europe.

The 20 states comprising the contest area are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

The national finals for the 1959 program are to be held January 26, 1960, in San Antonio, Texas.

Interested in encouraging the development of talent in youth, several companies are awarding prizes for this year's contest. These are Coats and Clark, Inc., Colorado Woman's College, John Dritz and Sons, Marvella Pearls, McCall Patterns, and the Woolite Company.

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The contest is sponsored in Texas by The Wool Bureau and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Auxiliary. Girls may obtain information by writing The Wool Bureau at 360 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, N. Y., or the state contest director, who is Mrs. S. M. Harvick, Box 247, Ozona, Texas.



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According to a survey of reports on additive experiments, most researchers stress that benefits are highest when additives are used with continuing sound management and proper sanitation practices.

Still, according to Agriculture Department scientists, there is a general tendency among some farmers to "ease up" on higher management standards when they buy a well-balanced medicated feed. This despite warnings by experiment stations and most feed and drug manufacturers that additives must be accompanied by common-sense management and sanitation to obtain best results.

USDA researchers say: "Proper feeding is important in maintaining an animal's defense against disease and parasites, but good feeding alone cannot increase an animal's resistance beyond that which nature has endowed it."

"Feeds fortified with antibiotics—Aureomycin, penicillin, and some others—are useful . . . but good nutrition must always be coupled with cleanliness."

One researcher puts it this way: Before medicated feeds became available, the farmer had only one barrel to fire at the profit bulls-eye. Now he has a double-barrel shotgun: good management and medicated feeds.

A USDA summary of major livestock and poultry diseases from anthrax to vesicular exanthema spells out accepted medicaments for prevention and control—but in every instance emphasizes the necessity for sanitation.

One top USDA official said that "continued emphasis on such things as proper management and sanitation is essential to prevent farmers from taking too much for granted in regards to the medicated feeds."

"If you don't continue to hammer at this, I'm afraid that many farmers might cut too many management corners—at a profit loss."

USDA officials are not the only ones concerned. For example, American Cyanamid Company, a major producer of antibiotics and other additives, has launched its own campaign to emphasize the need for good management and sanitation practices, in combination with the proper formula feeds.

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This spokesman warns: "Any grower who neglects proper management and sanitation practices and depends solely on medicated feeds is courting disaster."

SHEEP-GOAT JUDGING SCHEDULE AT DALLAS

THE 1959 Pan-American Livestock Exposition will be held October 10-18, in Dallas, Texas, according to Ray W. Wilson, Exposition Manager.

Sheep judging will be as follows: Delaine-Merino, Monday, October 12; Rambouillet, Tuesday, October 13; Hampshire and Southdown, Wednesday, October 14; Shropshire and Suffolk, Thursday, October 15; Angora Goats, Saturday, October 17.

Professor P. E. Neale of New Mexico A. & M. College will judge the finewool sheep, and Professor Claude Harper of Purdue University is medium wool sheep judge.

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WITH THE month of May bringing to an end the season for old crop lambs, many lamb feeding interests recently turned their attentions to the new crop and began making plans for another lamb feeding venture later this year.

Actually, the lamb market at Chicago during the month of May generally enters a dormant stage. Marketings usually are clean-up lots of old-crop woolled and shorn offerings that lack quality, since most of the more highly finished kinds were marketed earlier when at the peak for fat and finish. At the same time, numbers of new-crop lambs generally are not large enough at this time to create much excitement in the trade.

Such was the case during the fore part of May this year. Numbers of old-crop lambs were small and the quality for the most part left much to be desired. There were several sessions recently when strictly prime old-crop lambs were not represented in the marketings.

One major change took place recently. This was the annual change-over on June 1 in lamb classification. Actually, it is mainly a paper change whereby lambs previously termed old-crop kinds will be classed as yearlings after June 1 and new-crop lambs, previously termed spring lambs up to June 1, are now classed as lambs.

This June 1 change is a custom which has been followed for many years at the Chicago market. Many years ago members of the trade decided that some date each year should be reserved for this changeover in order to prevent confusion, and the June 1 date has been observed by the lamb trade each year.

Despite the fact that the past season was an unfavorable one so far as the Corn Belt lamb finisher was concerned with the financial losses he was forced to absorb in his feeding operations, buying of replacement

lambs in the nine Corn Belt states during the first quarter of 1959 ran ahead of the same months a year ago. This gives an indication that lamb feeders have faith in future operations and are willing to head into another feeding venture.

During the first quarter of 1959 a total of 435,714 replacement lambs moved into the nine Corn Belt states, compared with 382,554 head in the same three months a year ago. However, the total for the first quarter of this year fell short of the total replacement lamb buy during the few years previous to 1958.

At the same time, some interest has already developed in the case of contracting of lambs for fall delivery. Some major sections of the West reported recently that several bands of spring lambs were put under contract for movement into the Corn Belt this fall. One report from the Northwest area recently said that the initial fall contracts were completed early in May with several thousand head going under contract for late September and early October delivery at \$18.

Lamb slaughter in federally inspected plants of late showed a tendency to taper off and this reduction in lamb production has been a strengthening factor in the live trade. Early in May lamb production in federally inspected plants dropped 16 percent under the same week a year ago, the sharpest cut in lamb slaughter this year.

Just prior to the annual change in the classification of lambs on June 1, the market for old-crop lambs at Chicago gave a fairly good account of itself by a final spurt in prices to make up in some small way for the poor performance earlier in the year. The only disappointment here was that only a very small number of Corn Belt lamb



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finishers were able to take advantage of the higher values.

Around the middle of May the live market strengthened under the influence of modest volume and a broader demand for lamb cuts in wholesale channels. With wholesale lamb values enjoying the highest position since last November, the live market staged a series of higher prices that quickly moved live prices to the best levels in seven months.

The scattered shipments of old-crop lambs with sufficient finish to grade high choice and prime suddenly commanded the \$24 figure, a new high since last October. This feat did little to satisfy the majority of lamb feeders who marketed comparable grade lambs at the low point last February when a range of \$19.50 to \$20 bought top quality fat lambs at Chicago.

The price advance was also shared by shorn old-crop lambs, the class that made up the lion's share of the May marketings at Chicago. Best shorn offerings sold at \$23.25, or within 75c of the top price for woolled offerings.

Some significant changes took place during May in both the fat cattle market and the meat production picture. The latter was highlighted recently by the discovery that beef production gradually overtook pork tonnage, percentage-wise, and once again is in the lead after a period of several months when beef ran second. The marked change in meat production was in the process of changing for several weeks this spring with the percentage of pork in the total production gradually dropping at the same time that the percentage of beef was steadily increasing. Early in May beef made up slightly more than 50 percent of the total meat output, a position held earlier in the year by pork. The latter, meanwhile, dipped, with the percentage of pork falling down around 42 percent, the level where beef held early this year. This change is expected to become more pronounced as the spread between the two widens in the near future.

The other significant change took place in the steer market, where the seasonal trend was in motion early in May toward a narrower spread in fat cattle prices. The spread in prices was narrowed quite a bit during the first half of May and the range was expected to become smaller in the weeks ahead.

This was accomplished by the normal pattern of sharply reduced prices of high choice and prime steers, while little or no change took place in kinds grading good and below. The range of steer prices at Chicago at mid-May covered a spread of less than \$10, compared with a range of more than \$13 that existed at the outset of spring.

The cut came as prime steers dropped sharply. Prime steers comparable to those which sold at a 12-month high of \$37 early in April were down near the \$33 mark at the middle of May. This sharp cut was enforced, despite the fact that numbers of long-fed steers grading high choice and prime at Chicago remained rather small.

While those feeders in the process of marketing the long-fed kinds found values of such kinds steadily dropping, a rather favorable level of prices was maintained for those cattle feeders who marketed steers grading average choice and below. A big share of the recent marketings here in May consisted of top good to average choice kinds and most of them sold from \$28 to \$29.50 with little or no difficulty.

The hog picture changed very little in recent weeks. In fact, the main feature of the hog market at this time was the continued stability in prices. While the trend was underway toward a wider spread in prices, the average level of hog prices at Chicago showed only minor changes from week to week for several weeks.

There is continued talk among hog interests regarding the possibility of top hogs moving up to the \$20 mark before early summer. However, there were no indications of this in the hog market during the first half of May, as top hogs fluctuated mildly around the \$17.50 mark.

LeRoy Russell and the Midwest Feed Yards of San Angelo have purchased about 850 head of Suffolk ram lambs from the Sol Mayer T Half Circle Ranch at Sonora. The rams were estimated to weigh, the first of May, around 85 pounds.

The T Half Circle Ranch also sold some 31 head of yearling Suffolk rams to the Hodge Estate of Jarrell, north of Austin about 50 miles. This ranch raised about 1,150 ram lambs out of its Suffolk flock, which is a sizeable one, and its entire offering, it is said, has been sold for this year.

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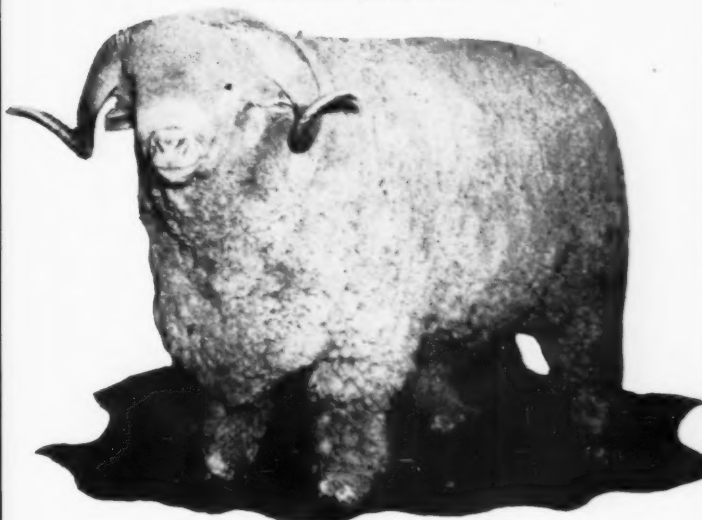
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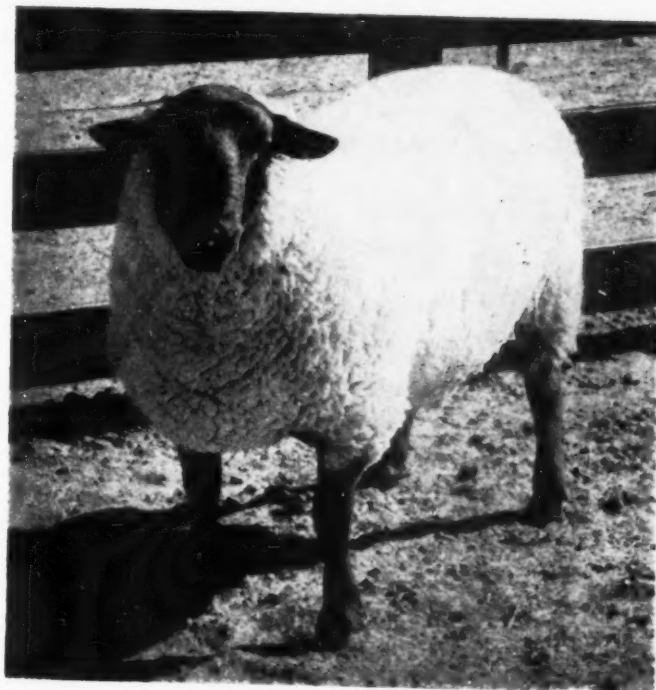
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Washington Parade

By JAY RICHTER

IS THERE a real threat that Federal farm support programs may be kicked out the window in the not-too-distant future?

A number of farm belt lawmakers seek to think so these days. They get plenty of encouragement — if that's the word — from President Eisenhower and Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson.

Ike and his top farm hand have been warning in public statements lately that unless they get the kind of farm laws they want, the public won't stand for the cost of the present program. Many lawmakers on both sides of the political fence are inclined to agree that unless they can find some cheaper programs the taxpaying public will rise up against the present operations—especially in wheat.

The fears on Capitol Hill are fed by a new wave of anti-farm publicity in some segments of the big city press. These stories have been aimed primarily at the cost of carrying the wheat surplus, but the impression they create casts a shadow over all other farm support programs.

Top USDA officials have outlined some of the details of their new program for improving the management of the National Forests.

The plan provides, among other things, for improved management of 68 million acres of rangeland.

How? Well, here's how Forest Service Chief Richard McArdle outlines it:

"Range analyses and management plans are to be completed on each of the nearly 8,800 range allotments on the national forests. Undesirable or poisonous range plants will be controlled or revegetation will be undertaken on nearly 7,000 square miles. Enough fence will be built to enclose 115 ranches the size of King Ranch in Texas—some 18,000 miles. Nearly 10,000 water facilities are to be built. And finally, where stocking adjustments are necessary to balance utilization and available forage, these will be carried out as rapidly as practicable, bearing in mind the needs of both the range and other factors."

A recent Benson statement filed with a House Appropriations Subcommittee indicates the Agriculture Secretary may walk away from his recom-

mendation that the Conservation Reserve should be extended.

Under present law, authority for signing new CR contracts expires after the 1960 season. Secretary Benson proposed that this authority be extended through the 1963 season, with the ceiling on annual CR spending lifted to \$500 million a year—enough to get 35 million acres out of production.

But that recent statement indicated Benson would stand behind the recommendation only with a big IF—if Congress agrees to cut the ACP program to \$100 million in 1960 and gives him the price support laws he wants. Since Congress isn't likely to meet either of those conditions, Benson's willingness to back extension of the CR became doubtful at press time.

In Congress, meanwhile, there was a new round of criticism of CR payments in Western states to farmers and ranchers who had leased state-owned land at low rates—then put the land into the Reserve.

Democratic Senators Hubert Humphrey (Minn.) and Herman Talmadge (Ga.) were reported about ready at press time to introduce jointly a major new Democratic farm bill.

The joint bill was to represent a lot of compromise. Basically, it was said to be built around the principle of setting up farm goals, then giving the

U. S. - MEXICO SCREWWORM STUDIES STARTED

THE USDA's Agricultural Research Service has assigned personnel to work with Mexico and the Southwestern States to make a survey of screw worms in northern Mexico and in Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. The purpose is to learn more about the habits of the screwworm fly in that area, and to determine if the new radioactive cobalt method of eradicating this livestock pest can be applied in Mexico and the Southwest. This joint effort is part of the Mexican - U. S. program of cooperation and was discussed by President Eisenhower and President Adolfo Lopez Mateos of Mexico at Acapulco last February.

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Secretary of Agriculture a variety of tools to use in reaching those goals.

The tools would include standard devices like support loans, marketing orders, authority to "set aside" surplus stocks in determining support rates—and direct compensatory payments.

There will probably be Senate hearings on the bill after it's introduced. But the big effort to get it passed probably won't come until 1960.

Slaughterhouse testing of dry and cull cows for brucellosis can become a major tool for wiping out that disease in range cattle herds, USDA says.

Officials say new plans for controlling brucellosis, already successful in limited trials, will become available to Western cattle states this summer.

The new plan is based on the idea that slaughterhouse testing of dry and cull cows effectively shows the brucellosis status of a range area. The U. S. Livestock Sanitary Association and USDA have approved the plan for applying the results of dry cows and cull testing to area re-certification.

You'll see more cooperative cattle feeding lots in the future, predicts R. L. Fox, an official of USDA's Farmer Cooperative Service.

Co-op feed lots are relatively new, says Fox, with limited operation now underway at Bainville, Montana, and Hermiston, Oregon. These operations have been profitable, he says, and he expects the example to be multiplied.

How about hogs? Fox reports one group is feeding hogs cooperatively at Edwall, Washington, and so far this looks like a success, too.

Senate hearings on a bill by Michigan Sen. Pat McNamara (D) to establish Federal minimum wage floors for farm workers won't get underway until some time in June.

The bill had been scheduled for joint hearings in May with a measure to boost the industrial minimum wage. Now the issues have been separated.

Don't count on success for a move now underway in Congress to force higher 1959 support prices for soybeans and "minor" feed grains such as sorghums, oats and barley.

A bill to raise supports on these crops has cleared the House Agriculture Committee. But it will face an almost certain veto if passed.

Egg producers appealing for an all-out Federal drive to bolster prices quickly have little realistic hope that USDA will be willing to go much beyond its present dried-egg buying program.

All signs indicate that Agriculture Secretary Benson will not take any decisive price-boosting steps beyond a slight expansion of his dried-egg purchase program and a drive to step up regular retail sales.

Officials in charge of the Federal Crop Insurance program have made a lot of progress in strengthening the

"basic soundness" of their program, Benson says.

Now, he tells them, it's time to put more attention into the job of getting out and selling the virtues of the program to prospective farmer-customers.

Congress apparently is going to take a serious look this year at the problem of State vs. Federal power in the field of water rights.

Administration officials are apparently not anxious to see any really far-reaching steps taken in this field. But there is growing pressure for action by Congress to get the Federal government out of the driver's seat, much of it generated by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

As things stand today, the Farm Bureau maintains, many private investments based on water rights acquired under state laws are threatened by claims of Federal supremacy over these rights.

A recent Internal Revenue Service ruling offers a tax break for farmers and ranchers who clear brush and other undesirable plants from land to be used for grazing cattle. The Service has ruled that this is no longer to be classed as an ordinary soil and water conservation expenditure.

Under Section 175 of the Internal Revenue Code, farmers and ranchers must limit "business expense" deductions for soil and water conservation to 25 percent of the year's gross agricultural income. The new ruling (Continued on page 44)



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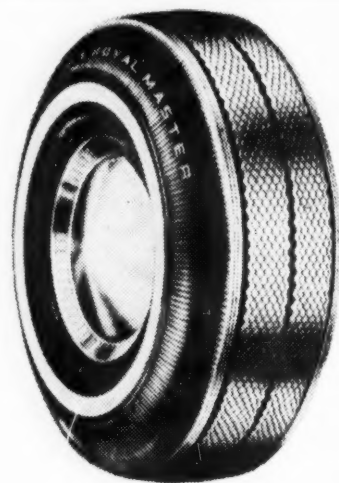
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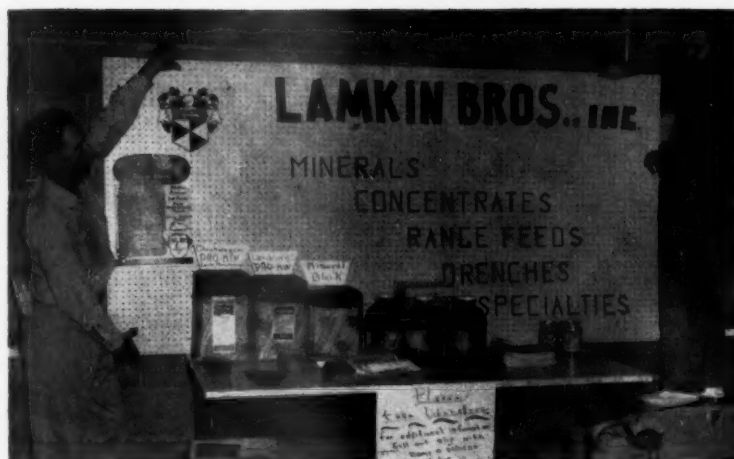
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means that deductions for expenses in clearing land for grazing can be claimed without regard to the 25 percent ceiling.

A newly-published study by the Public Affairs Institute lays down the natural resources policies which the Institute believes are needed "to bring us to the end of the century stronger than we are now."

The study includes 25 specific recommendations, including a proposal that all resource programs should be coordinated at the White House level and a single natural resources budget submitted to Congress. The document also recommends: Federal regulation of lumbering on both private and public lands, a study of operations under the Taylor Grazing Act, and Congressional investigation of the Soil Conservation Service to determine if the regional and state system is working effectively.

The Producers Livestock Auction Company of San Angelo held a special ewe sale May 11. The sale drew around 7,600 head. Solid-mouth ewes sold from \$12 to \$14.50 and yearling ewes from \$17.50 to \$20 per head.



LAMKIN EXHIBIT AT BROWNWOOD

On the left is Bill Strickland at the Brady sales barn assisting Charles Lamkin, Jr., Brownwood, in arranging the Lamkin Brothers display for the Purebred Show and Sale. Several nice displays were seen at the sales barn.

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ferred in the sale. While most of the ewe flock have raised lambs this year, these large, big boned, deep bodied ewes are still in excellent condition. It would be an easy matter to select a lot of foundation ewes from this select group of females.

The backbone of any great flock is good ewes. In this sale, you will find many top individuals, with the right kind of bloodlines in their pedigrees. Several choice, foundation quality, yearling, two- and three-year-old ewes will be sold to the highest bidder.

The lambs running with the flock are well grown and most them fat as butter balls. Seventy-five head of the older lambs will sell as individual lots, while the younger lambs will sell with their mothers. The lamb crop, as a whole, are a very uniform lot, with plenty of show prospects among them.

Five Good Stud Rams Listed

In looking over the ram offering in the sale, the size, ruggedness and heavy bone on the stud rams caught my eye. They have splendid heads and ears that indicate breed character. Some good rear ends on some of the rams, something most Suffolk breeders like to see on a stud ram.

There are about twenty big, useful, well grown, yearling rams selling, that would please the flock owner and rancher wanting Suffolk rams to breed. They are all in good flesh and ready for immediate service.

NICHOLS SELLS RANCH

MAC BENGE, formerly of Sterling City, Texas, now ranching near Capital, New Mexico, has purchased around ten sections of ranchland near Alpine from J. F. Nichols. Nichols homesteaded the Glass Mountains ranchland in 1905. The sale included over half of the minerals.

PREACHER LACKEY

ROY LACKEY, who is now ranching down in the Lampasas country, has been at it a long time and has pretty well covered West Texas, following the hoofprints of his sheep. He remembers that back in the 1890's he would come to the Schwartz and Bass store in San Angelo once every five or six months with his folks to pick up groceries. "Sheepmen didn't come to town every day in those times and when they did they bought enough to last a spell. It was on one of these buying trips that Schwartz and Bass gave me a little black derby hat; somebody called me 'Preacher Lackey' and that has been my nickname ever since." He admits, however, that few of the young fellows in the business know it, but some of the old timers still call him that. In those pre-1900's he followed sheep toward the Pecos for months at a time. Now he raises registered Rambouillets in Central Texas.

Francis Kott, Kerrville, reports he has sold all of his Delaine rams this year at prices ranging from \$30 to \$125. He may sell a few head of his show sheep, both rams and ewes.

"I have had a wonderful year with registered sheep and believe it is partly due to the classification program which I started in the flock last year." He intends to continue this program.

The only way a flock can be improved is by using rams that are better than the ewes, saving the best ewe lambs for replacements, and culling the poor producers. The rate of improvement will depend largely on how much better the rams are than the ewes.

G. A. Glimp, whose ram topped the Delaine sale at Coleman in mid-May, reports that he has sold several rams and a number of ewes strictly through recent advertising in this magazine. He reports that he has only six ram lambs left and that the season has been "mighty fine—they came after them."

Calendar of Events

June 1—Beau Geste Farms (Roy B. Warrick & Son), Oskaloosa, Iowa, Annual Suffolk Stud Ram and Ewe Sale.

June 1-4—"Research On Parade" Visual Aids Show, New Mexico State University's Homemakers Cottage.

June 1-3 — Annual Val Verde County 4-H Camp. Leave 4-H barns, Del Rio, at 7:30 A.M. on June 1 for Dolan Falls on Horace Fawcett Ranch.

June 2-6—Midland Cutting Horse Show, Midland.

June 3—F. M. Bierschwale & Son, Segovia, 4th Annual Auction of Rambouillet Rams at Bierschwale Ranch, 10 miles southeast of Junction.

June 3-5 — Veterinary Conference, College Station.

June 4—66 Rodeo and Horse Show, McLean, Texas.

June 5-6—American International Championship Sheep Dog Trials, 7:00 P.M., San Gabriel Park, Georgetown.

June 6—American Corriedale Sheep Breeders Association Annual Show and Sale, Kerr County Livestock Building, Kerrville.

June 6 — Victoria Horseman's Club Quarter Horse Show, Victoria.

June 6-7—Abilene Horse Show, Abilene.

June 6-7—Fort Worth Horseshoe Club 9th Annual Junior Horse Show and Rodeo, Fort Worth.

June 9-10—4-H Roundup, Texas A. & M. College Campus, College Station.

June 12—Ozona Horse Show, Ozona.

June 12-13—Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Quarterly Meeting, Ft. Clark Guest Ranch, Brackettville.

June 12-13 — Uvalde Quarter Horse Show, Uvalde.

June 13—Aime Frank Real 6th Annual Sheep Sale, Kerr County Agricultural Building, Kerrville.

June 13—State Wool and Mohair Judging Contest, San Angelo College. Open to all counties; begins 9:00 A.M.

June 15-16—15th Annual Midwest Stud Ram Show and Sale, Missouri State Fair Grounds, Sedalia, Missouri.

June 16-17—Annual Meeting Columbia Sheep Breeders Association of America, Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

June 17-18—22nd Annual Wool and Mohair Show; Sutton County All-Texas Show for 4-H Clubs and FFA and adult producers, Sonora.

June 20—T. R. Hinton Suffolk Dispersal Sale, Keller, Texas.

June 23-25—23rd Annual San Angelo Registered Rambouillet Ram Sale, Fair Grounds, San Angelo.

June 30—15th Annual Wittenburg Debouillet and Rambouillet Sale, L. W. and Odus Wittenburg, Pflugers Park, 1:00 P. M., Eden.

July 2-4—Lions Club Annual Charity Horse Show, Los Fresnos, Texas.

July 3-5—Fourth of July Horse Races, Fredericksburg.

July 3-5—Brady July Jubilee, Brady.

July 15—Price Rambouillet Sale, Hiram Price & Son, 1:00 P.M., Sales Barn, Eden.

July 17—Miss Wool of Texas Contest, Sarah Bernhardt Auditorium, Central High School, San Angelo.

July 18—Carlton Godbold Angora Goat Sale, Leakey.

July 22—Mason County Angora Goat Breeders Association Buck and Doe Sale, Mason.

July 30-31—Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association Show and Sale, Kerrville.

August 6-8 — Hill Country Fair Association Race Meet and Angora Goat Buck Sale, Junction.

August 7—Annual New Mexico Ram Sale, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

August 13-14—Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association Sale, Gatesville.

August 27-29—Gillespie County Fair, Fredericksburg.

August 28—Miss Wool of America Contest, San Angelo Coliseum, San Angelo.

August 29—Central Texas Angora Goat Breeders Association Show and Sale, Goldthwaite.

September 5—Real County Angora Goat Sale, Leakey.

September 5-7—Kendall County Fair, Boerne.

September 10—A. D. Jones Estate Debouillet Ram Sale, A. D. Jones Ranch, 10 miles west of Tatum, New Mexico, 1:00 P.M.

September 12-19—West Texas Fair, Abilene.

September 21-22—Columbia Sheep Breeders Association Show and Sale, Yakima, Washington.

October 10-18—Pan-American Livestock Exposition, State Fair of Texas, Fair Grounds, Dallas.

November 5-6—4th Annual Water Conference, State College, New Mexico.

December 7-9—Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Convention, Austin.

January 15-16, 1960—Kinney County 4-H and FFA Show, Brackettville.

February 12-21, 1960—San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio.

John Will Vance, who ranches near Whon below Santa Anna, got 3½ inches of rain or better, May 16. The range in that area is exceptional.

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E. B. CARSON

E. B. CARSON, well-known Sander-son and Fort Stockton area ranchman, died April 24 in a Fort Stockton hospital following an illness of some time.

Mr. Carson's wife died several years ago. Survivors include: two daughters, Mrs. Bob Faulkner of Fort Stockton and Miss Kay Carson, a Baylor University student in Waco; four brothers, Ira Carson of Ozona; Thad, Gratin, and Hubert Carson, all of Lampasas; and one sister, Mrs. Lula Everett of Fort Worth.

WILLIAM T. MOLLOY

WILLIAM THOMAS MOLLOY, 87, pioneer Concho County ranchman and banker, died May 1 in Brady.

Born August 8, 1872, Molloy was a son of Charles Molloy, an Irishman who brought the first Hereford cattle to West Texas.

Mr. Molloy ranched with his father until 1900, at which time he bought his own ranch near Eden. In 1907, he helped organize the first bank in Concho County, the Eden State Bank. For many years he worked as cashier of the bank.

Mr. Molloy was mayor of Eden for twelve years, and he also served as county commissioner and a school trustee.

Mrs. Molloy, the former Miss Nan- nie Millar, died January 31, 1958.

Survivors include a brother, Leo Molloy of Paint Rock; two sisters, Mrs. Nell Millar and Mrs. Sis A. Latham, both of Eden; and several nieces and nephews.

J. C. GOODMAN

J. C. GOODMAN, 79, ranchman of London, died May 3 in a Junction rest home.

Born in Bosque County on July 22, 1879, Mr. Goodman farmed and ranched in the London area since 1891. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1952.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Sy Foley of Junction, Mrs. B. O. Baylor of Riverside, California, and Mrs. C. T. Baylor of Houston; four sons, Ralph Goodman of Van Nuys, California, Joe Goodman of Big Spring, T. C. Goodman of Ozona, and Frank Goodman of Junction; three sisters, Mrs. Burl Fisher of Junction, Mrs. Joe Bullion and Mrs. Ralph Tisdale, both of San Angelo; a brother, Howell Goodman of Dublin; and ten grandchildren.

M. C. KEMP

M. C. KEMP, 74, retired Concho County ranchman and farmer, died May 10 in Paint Rock following a long illness.

Born in Paint Rock on July 15, 1885, Mr. Kemp lived in Concho County all his life. He ranched and farmed near Paint Rock until his retirement a few years ago.

Survivors include two sons, Marshall Kemp of St. Louis, Missouri, and Tom Kemp of Austin; a sister, Mrs. J. B. Stout of Elk City, Oklahoma; and three grandchildren.

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The Cattle Situation

By ELMER KELTON



MAY SAW some flurry of calf contracts in some part of West Texas, notably the hill country. There some good Hereford calves missed in previous spells were sold for as much as 33 cents a pound on heifers, 35 on steers, for fall delivery. This equaled the prices paid freely on top Angus calves earlier in the season and naturally made some of the Hereford men feel better.

Although these prices look good in print, it is well to point out that a big percentage of actual contracts so far have been at slightly less. More calves were contracted for 32 and 34 in May than at 33 and 35.

Some really good strings of calves have even been sold for less. It's hard to pin down the actual reason, other than that some buyers are putting up a stiff resistance to the higher levels on the grounds that they're facing too much risk. Most economists, and especially the Department of Agriculture, warn of a possible bad market break next year. Calves bought by feeders this fall won't be fat enough to go to packers until late next year. If the break does come, it would take some talented pencil-pushing to figure out a profit on them at a laying-in price of 33 and 35.

Further, there is some indication that a great many calves contracted so far this year in West Texas are still in the hands of speculators rather than actual feeders. Several San Angelo order buyers who deal directly with Midwestern feeders rather than with Midwestern speculators report it pretty rocky to interest their customers as yet.

One Midwestern feeder who wasn't bashful about price was Waldo Mommensen of Clinton, Iowa, who bought the Fritz Luckenbach Angus steer calves at Menard for 37 cents a pound, August delivery. However, Mommensen paid a premium for quality and plans to fit these cattle to show. That make a difference.

Auction markets locally held mostly steady to strong during May, with only one small sign of packer trouble. In this, they have been better than some of the central markets.

Here's a typical end-of-month report from a San Angelo sale: Fat bulls sold at \$21 to \$23 cwt.; mediums, \$19 to \$21; fat calves and yearlings, \$24 to \$27.50; mediums, \$22 to \$24; plain kinds, \$18 to \$22; fat cows, \$17.50 to \$19.50; canners and cutters, \$12 to \$16.50; stocker

steers, \$21 to \$35; stocker heifers, \$20 to \$33; stocker cows, \$16 to \$19; cows and calves, \$165 to \$265 per pair.

Country trading in breeding cattle was not too active, but several special sales showed there was nothing much wrong with prices on good kinds. In San Angelo, a special Angus stocker cow sale brought very good prices on cattle of quality. Lesser grades didn't do so well. Choice Angus pairs of cows and calves all went at better than \$300, with top being \$370. Medium-quality cows with big calves sold at \$240 to \$275. Common pairs went at \$200 to \$225. Good yearling and two-year-old heifers sold generally around \$200.

Joe Lemley of San Angelo was a leading contributor to a special Angus breeding cattle sale in Fort Worth. There, 283 registered Angus females averaged \$410 per head, the top 10 averaging about \$1,200.

In Mason, the Hill Country Hereford Association sold 92 lots of registered cattle for average of \$330.80. Sixty-seven cows, most of them with calves at side, averaged \$367.52. Nineteen bred heifers averaged \$247.63 and six open heifers \$184.

After weeks of on-again, off-again confusion, the Mexican border was open again for export of cattle from Mexico's northern states. But export quotas were set at somewhat lower levels and permits were reported to be harder to get than they had been. A new export duty was worked out for the border states. Although much lower than the high duty which threw the export trade into a tailspin a couple of months ago, this duty is still slightly larger than the old duty had been.

Any cattlemen who get in trouble because of a future break in the market won't be able to say the Department of Agriculture didn't warn them. The Department for several months has been saying there were danger signals in the air.

In May it came out with the strongest wording yet. It said the current buildup in cattle numbers, if it continues, will "end all hope of avoiding the over-expansion that brought distress in the last cycle."

"It would result in severe price declines in the early 1960's..."

"A cattle price boom tends to perpetuate itself in the short run even though collapse is inevitable in the long run."

Sheep Market

Sheep market, the underdog ever since early last winter, was holding its own very nicely in May. Although the late arrival of spring and rain meant fewer milk lambs than a year ago, ranchmen and farmers were finding a very satisfactory market for the ones they did have. On local markets, fat milk lamb were selling to around \$22 cwt. In the country, feeder lambs from the new crop were bringing 18½ to 19½ cents. Some scattered fall contracting was reported at around 18 cents, with some to 20 cents where a good percentage of fats was in prospect.

In the Del Rio-Brackettville area, fat spring lambs were selling for around 21 and 21½ cents a pound, in the country. Alvis Belcher of Brackettville estimated that proportion of fats so far has run about 25 percent. With improving range conditions, the percentage could increase as the season goes on.

Here's a typical late-May sheep auction report from San Angelo: Fat lambs, \$19 to \$21.75 cwt.; stocker lambs, \$17 to \$19.50; buck lambs, \$14 to \$15; yearling muttons, \$14 to \$18; aged ewes, \$6.50 to \$7.50; aged bucks, \$6.50 to \$8; breeding ewes, \$10 to \$14 per head; ewes and lambs, \$12 to \$20 per pair.

Although none were reported in this sale, yearling ewes in the country have been selling at up to around \$20 per head, depending on weight and quality. One canny San Angelo sheep



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Rambouillet Ramblings

By MRS. A. D. HARVEY

WE WELCOME the following Rambouillet breeders who have recently become active members of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association: H. H. Hughes, Jr., Mayhill, New Mexico; Authur Davis, Sabinal, Texas; Leonard Buntin & Son, Palestine, Illinois; Fort Stockton FFA, Fort Stockton, Texas; Charles G. Wartes, Jr., Lipan, Texas; Gordon E. Arnold, Clifton, Texas; Fritz Henry Streib, Con Can, Texas; Patty Gallegar, Wheatland, Wyoming; Parks Tucker, Jr., Midlothian, Texas; Pablo and Roberto Ramirez, Aquacalientes, Mexico.

C. O. Ford, Brookesmith, Texas, has sold to H. G. Haby, Rocksprings, Texas, five registered Rambouillet ewes.

B. B. Batkins, Flat, Texas, has purchased seven registered ewes from Donald Aycock, Moody, Texas.

Jack Aldridge purchased a registered ram from Louis Tongate, Brookesmith, Texas. Jack Aldridge is from Arlington, Texas.

Jadie Giorgis, Ft. Bridger, Wyoming, has purchased two registered ewes and five registered rams from Jim Bridger FFA, Mountain View, Wyoming.

Rambouillet Sale Information

The American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association will hold the Annual Ram Sale, June 25, at 10:00 A.M. This sale will be at the Fair-

grounds in San Angelo, Texas. Rambouillet breeders who plan to consign rams to the 23rd Annual Registered Rambouillet Ram Sale must have their entries in the office by June 10. If you have not received your entry blank, contact the office immediately, The American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association, 2709 Sherwood Way, San Angelo, Texas, telephone number 7570.

This will be an ideal time for those who are in the market for good, top quality rams to buy.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association will be June 24 at 8:00 P.M., Cactus Hotel, San Angelo, Texas. The meeting will be preceded by a banquet for members and their guests. Please make reservations if you plan to attend this banquet.

The Wittenburg Co. has been dissolved. Jimmie Ruth and C. J. will register their sheep as individual breeders in the future.

Ross Hamblin, Mountain View, Wyoming, has purchased five registered rams from Jim Bridger FFA, Mountain View, Wyoming.

Dean Bottlinger, Hamilton, Texas, purchased one registered ram from Velma Dellinger, Stephenville, Texas.

F. W. Anderson, Round Rock, Texas, sold two registered rams to Olin Jenkins, Waco, Texas.

Emil Schuster, Comanche, Texas, has purchased fourteen ewes from Carl Sheffield, Brookesmith, Texas.



VIRGIL H. SCROGGS JOINS RIGHT WEIGHT COMPANY

VIRGIL H. SCROGGS, for many years vice president in charge of research and formulation for Vit-A-Way, Inc., Fort Worth, resigned from that post recently to become president of Right Weight Company, Inc., of Fort Worth, producers of Tox-I-Ton, a treatment for internal parasites of cattle, sheep and goats.

Widely known for his livestock work throughout the United States and in several foreign countries, Scroggs has been engaged for more

than 25 years in mineral requirement and parasitology studies. He is a long-time member of the United States Livestock Sanitary Association and of the American Public Health Association.

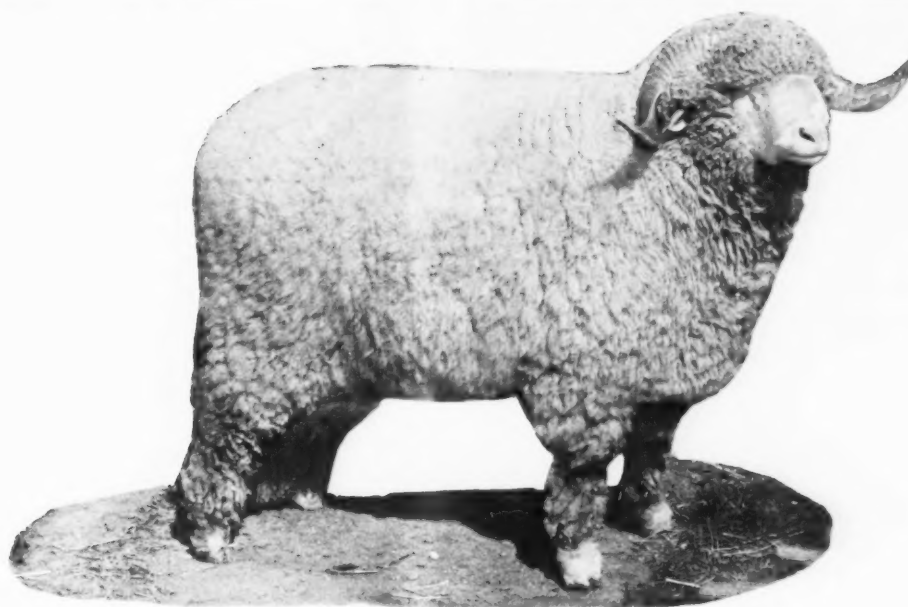
Appointed national distributor for Right Weight Company, Inc., is Mattingly Distributing Company of St. Louis, E. H. Mattingly, president. Mr. Mattingly is secretary of the Montadale Sheep Breeders Association and is widely known in livestock circles.

Growers owe a debt of gratitude to the breeders of good rams who have maintained their flocks through the hard drouth.

Clyde Thate, President of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association, who lives at Burkett, Texas, has been breeding nothing but polled Rambouillets for the past 20 years. This makes him one of the oldest polled breeders in the business.

Mr. Thate will have 10 head of rams in the San Angelo Rambouillet sale and believes they will be of the best quality he has offered. In fact, he declared that the quality of the offering in this year's sale will be far better than last year and likely will be the best ever offered by Rambouillet breeders to ranchmen of the Southwest. He is most enthusiastic about the prospects of the coming Rambouillet sale.

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Jack M. Fletcher

JACK M. FLETCHER, range specialist and sales promotion manager for the Wm. K. Holt Machinery Company in San Antonio, recently was awarded the Fort Worth Press' unselfish service by a non-farmer award. Mr. Fletcher has notably contributed to the development of modern day brush control techniques, including root-plowing and reseeding of brush infested rangeland.

Mr. Fletcher is a 34-year-old graduate of Sul Ross State College and is well known in Texas for his successful conservation work. In 1949 he started in conservation work as Soil Conservation Service range specialist in the Frio Soil Conservation District. When he left the Frio District in 1956 for his present position, his district had won 33 state and national conservation awards.

Mr. Fletcher is the immediate past president of the Texas Section of the American Society of Range Management. The second Texan to ever receive the Woodmen of the World Mr. Woodman Conservation Award, Mr. Fletcher now serves as chairman of

the Brush Control and Range Management Division of San Antonio's Chamber of Commerce Farm and Ranch Committee.

Jo Ann Fletcher is also interested in conservation and has actively encouraged her husband in his work.

McCoury Ships Market-Top Lambs

CECIL McCOURY, Lampasas, recently sold another market-topping 100 lambs at Fort Worth. They weighed 86 pounds and averaged \$23.75, which set another top for the market. Houston Jackson shipped 69 lambs with the 100, which averaged 78 pounds and brought the same price.

McCoury reports that lambs coming out of Lampasas have varied considerably in quality this year and were in general as good as those sold last year. He figured that his Central Texas country is the largest area in Texas for early lambs. "They grow up fast," he declared. "Stockers are not very popular," he declared, "for the simple reason that they don't make very much money." He doesn't figure that many sheep are going into his area but there is getting to be a sizeable number of goats, probably twice as many as ten years ago.

"The big change in this area is the development of a better type sheep," declares McCoury. "Predominately a Merino-Rambouillet ewe is what the



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By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

ONCE AGAIN, the members of the Texas Delaine Association and guests were the recipients of the warm and gracious hospitality that abounds so freely in the town of Coleman and the surrounding communities. O. H. Rohde and other B. C. D. members were on hand to assist in every way possible in making our annual show and sale a success, as were County Agent Jack Brannen, Weldon Davis, C. M. Huckaby, Bill Speed, and numerous others.

The show was the largest this association has ever sponsored, with some 104 rams and 14 ewes on exhibition for the show and sale. The judging was done by C. T. Parker, county agent of Runnels County. He readily admitted there were far more good rams than the ribbons allowed places. Too, he said this was by far the most and best Delaines he had ever seen on exhibition at any one time. Many other interested spectators readily agreed with him.

After much deliberation, Hamilton Choat & Son had the champion ewe,

Harold Bragg the reserve. Anna Rose Glasscock's ram was champion, and again Harold had the reserve.

Barbecue Supper

Members and guests were feted with a delicious barbecue supper sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Joe Dibrell, Kiwanis president, and fellow members were much in evidence at this affair to see that everything was in readiness for this occasion. With such teamwork as this, it is small wonder that so much is accomplished by them. Again, the food was excellent!

Stephens Speaks

We were privileged to have as our guest speaker, L. M. Stephens, first vice-president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. Mr. Stephens had recently been the guest of Swift and Company on one of their tours, and he brought a most interesting discourse on that eventful tour. His topic was of greatest importance to everyone present, as all are concerned over the future of our meat

industry. Many were unaware of some of the things Mr. Stephens disclosed that could determine largely the future outcome.

Musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. Joe Allcorn, Mrs. Sneed, and Barbara Brown that everyone enjoyed immensely.

President Johanson presented desk sets to Anna Rose on the champion ram and Hamilton Choat on the champion ewe.

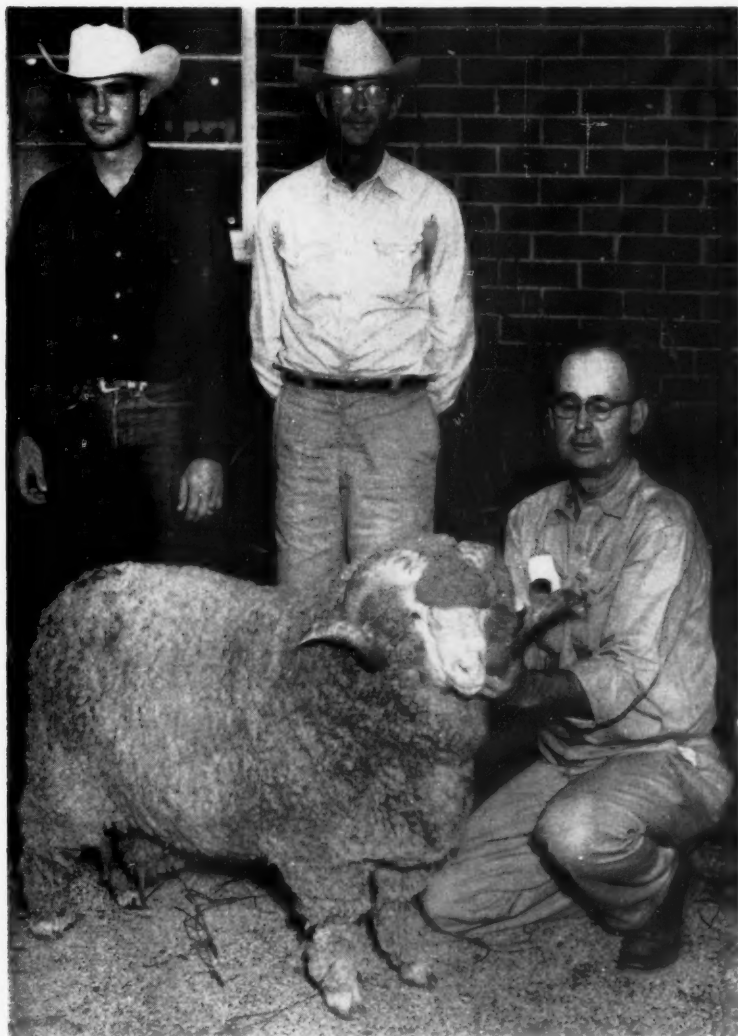
Officers Re-Elected

At the business meeting that fol-

lowed, George Johanson was re-elected president; David Watters, vice-president, and Mrs. G. A. Glimp, secretary-treasurer by acclamation. The following were elected to serve as directors for the ensuing year: Joe LeMay, F. M. Weeks, Wilton Steubing, J. T. Davidson, Harold Bragg, Dale Herring, Hamilton Choat, A. C. Lindeman, and Francis Kott.

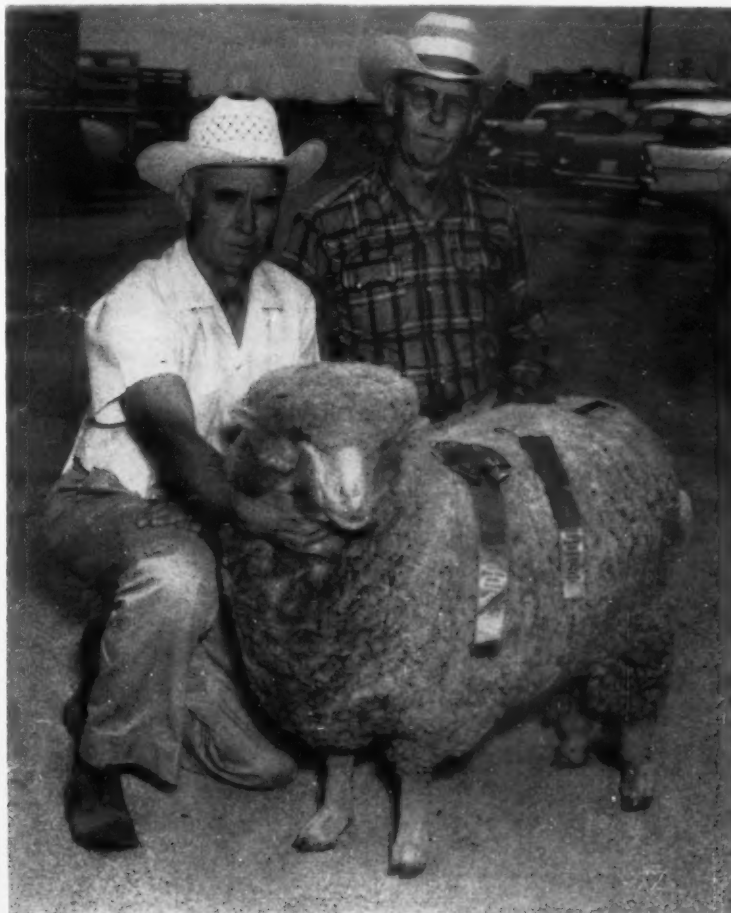
Association Note

There was one bit of business transacted that should be of interest (Continued on page 54)



GLIMP SELLS TOP DELAINE

The top selling Delaine in the 29th Annual Sale of the Delaine Association at Coleman was sold by G. A. Glimp (right) of Burnet to Laddie Smith of Lometa. His father, Alton Smith, is center. Laddie has a flock of 32 registered Delaines, which he will use with his new ram. He started his flock six years ago.



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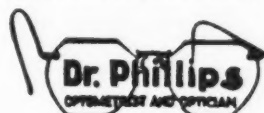
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Delaine News

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to all members of this association, and please note. Any incomplete transfer that is sent in to the secretary's office should be accompanied by an additional fee of twenty-five cents.

The members voted to give a trophy to the Abilene Junior Show to be presented on the same premier basis as those of the San Antonio, San Angelo, and Houston shows. We sincerely hope that in presenting this rotating trophy to them that their show will continue to grow and meet with every success.

Sale

The sale proved to be very good on the ewes and ewe lambs that were consigned, and most of the rams sold good. Mrs. James Clayton of Ballinger was the main buyer of the day, but young Laddie Smith of Lometa was the highest in his price of \$170 for a stud ram for his nice flock of Delaines that were started as a club project but have long ago grown into a very profitable business for him. Another very young breeder, John Dillingham, of Gouldbusk, was very much in evidence at this sale, as he purchased the second high ram of \$145 and enough ewes to run his sales to \$425. John is keenly interested in his registered Delaines and club lambs and will probably be one of the top contenders in

the major shows in the not too distant future. Other club boys making purchases were Knox Pittard of Melvin and Rheuben Weeks Purnela, also Jackie Horne. Other major buyers were Claud Brookshire, Jim Gardiner, Curtis and George Beck, Ruben and David Schmidt, E. J. Watters, W. G. King, L. & W. Steubing, and Richard Powell.

We are very happy to have the Pendleton Brothers of Breckenridge on our membership roster, and Gilbert Casbeer of Goldthwaite.

There have been some choice registered ewes listed with me for sale, and there is no better time than now to increase your flock. If you are interested, write for further details.



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